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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**US Retaliation**

A CAREFUL reading of Mr. Dulles' statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week leaves an impression of vagueness and doubt about one aspect of America's foreign defence policy, but it also offers much consolation. Undoubtedly the Secretary of State was trying to steer the new policy of "instant and massive retaliation against aggression" through troubled waters, keeping one eye on Congressmen at home who fear the President is encroaching too far into what they regard as the sacred right of Congress and the other eye on America's overseas partners who were waiting for the reinsurance of their most powerful ally that help would come quickly and directly in the event of a Russian attack. In steering this middle course it appears Mr. Dulles has made a concession to Congress when he said the President should consult it before "retaliating to help a NATO nation attacked by Russia unless the President deemed the attack was a forerunner of an attack against America."

The qualification is loose enough to allow the Administration to make a fairly broad interpretation of it, if and when the time comes for a declaration. On the other hand it may reflect the intention of the Administration to keep scrupulously to the right side of the Constitution. Looked at in this light there is the suggestion—which over-sensitive Europeans may raise—that the President is prepared to act urgently if "an attack is a forerunner of an attack against America," but only "constitutionally" (by consulting Congress first) if an attack is regarded otherwise.

ALTHOUGH the principle of retaliation is not in doubt, there is an important element of delay involved—it may only amount to a matter of hours (and if Congress were in recess it could be very much longer) but this period of time could be vital in the event of a sudden attack. Furthermore there is this consideration: the Supreme Commanders of the NATO land, sea and air forces are all Americans whose authority to engage in any war would presumably be bound either by a specific declaration of war or by some form of Congressional approval. As there is this factor of delay implied in the President consulting Congress before declaring war, it would seem there is a strong case for the appointment of European and British Supreme Commanders who would not be fettered by the mechanism of the American Constitution but who would be able to act immediately in an attack came. Mr. Dulles also said: "The possession of the capacity (to retaliate) does not impose the necessity of using it in every instance of attack. It is not our intention to turn every local war into a general war." As long as there is no possibility of the Communists taking advantage of this, it will bring comfort to those who feared the imminence of a third world war when America first announced its "massive retaliation policy." There was also satisfaction to be drawn from his remark that America would consult its allies before retaliating against any attack for this underlines the first and most important principle of collective action—a principle which the world has tended to lose sight of since America assumed the position of the strongest power in the West.

**DIEN BIEN PHU RIDDLE**

**Vietminhese Intentions In Doubt**

**FRENCH IN NEED OF MORE AIRCRAFT**

Hanoi, Mar. 21. Observers here were wondering tonight, after five nights of waiting for a new massive Vietminh assault on the French Union forces dug in in the camp of Dien Bien Phu, if Vietminh General Vo Nguyen Giap intended to renew his assaults or if he preferred, now that he has left three thousand casualties in the barbed wires, to resort to siege warfare.

Each night, the defenders of Dien Bien Phu, less than 200 miles from here, feel the proximity of their enemy. They hear the metallic sounds of tools of Vietminh units which in the darkness, advance almost as far as the barbed wire surrounding the French Union positions to dig trenches and foxholes and to sound out the deployment of the Franco-Vietnamese forces.

Twenty-four hours out of twenty-four, shells and mortars have fallen on the deeply dug shelter in the mountain surrounded bowl. The Vietminh artillery pieces are carefully camouflaged in the jungles surrounded by chalky hills, and fighter and bomber planes have difficulty in spotting them. It has been difficult for Air Force personnel to determine whether decisive blows have been delivered against Vietminh artillery. But it seems that 1,000-15 bombs and rockets have damaged several Vietminh artillery pieces, which were alienated after the passage of French planes.

The role of the Air Force will prove to have been of capital importance in this battle, whatever the intentions of the Vietminh. It is possible that following the fierce assaults of March 13 to 15 the Air Force held the fate of Dien Bien Phu in its hands.

The crucial problem is that of atmospheric conditions over the immense bowl. Thus far, conditions have been good, but weather is extremely variable in this season in the area, and the defenders of Dien Bien Phu can be supplied only by air. It is also the only means of evacuation of the wounded and of sending reinforcements in case of necessity.

No Vietminh units have been withdrawn from the battle and General Giap probably still has available nearly thirty thousand men. Munitions and food to the Vietminh forces continue to be sent from the Chinese border by trucks and thousands of porters.

If General Giap renews his mass assaults, the waves of advancing Vietminh force will find the deployment of Franco-Vietnam positions improved and reinforced, and the new attacks will probably be still more costly than the previous ones.

**HANOI CONFIDENCE**

Confidence in the outcome of the battle persists in Hanoi, and has been particularly marked since the painful problem of evacuation of the seriously wounded began to be solved with the use of helicopters. The number of helicopters available is, however, fairly insufficient.

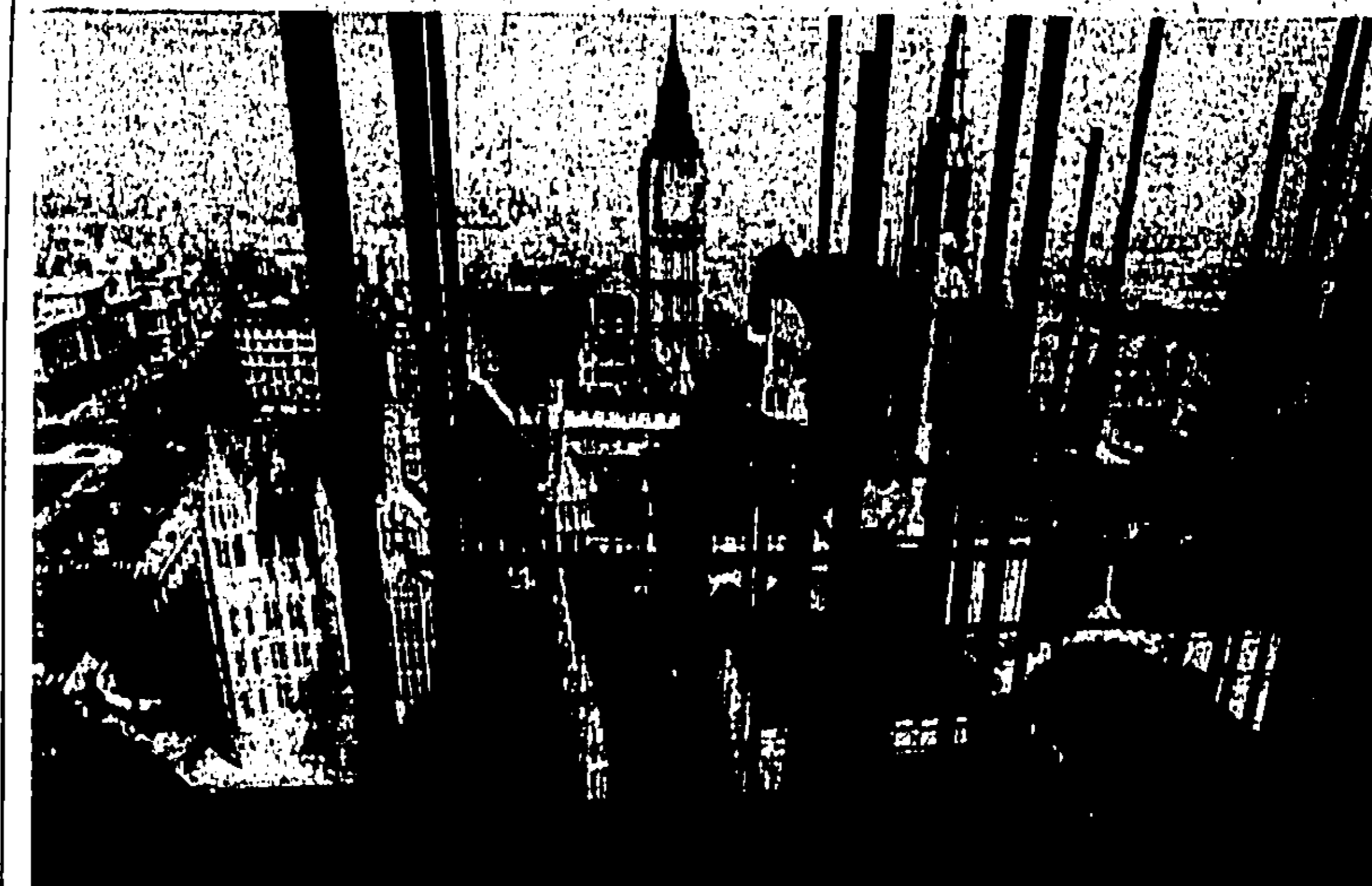
New reinforcements arrive in Tonkin every day from all parts of Indo-China, ready to be thrown into the battle. All civilian aeroplanes have been transformed into troop transports and there are hundreds of soldiers belonging to the units who land at Hanoi or Halphong airports every day.

Muong Sai, a little more than 80 miles from Dien Bien Phu, has become the major landing point for the helicopters carrying the wounded. Today another flight of helicopters accomplished the feat of setting down at Dien Bien Phu despite the barrage of Vietminh anti-aircraft fire.

About 100 wounded soldiers, arrived at Muong Sai. The wounded were immediately transported to Hanoi aboard Dakotas. —France-Press.

**RELATIVELY QUIET**

Paris, Mar. 21. The beleaguered northern stronghold of Dien Bien Phu was relatively quiet over the weekend, according to a French High Command communiqué released tonight by the Ministry of the Associated States of Indo-China.



**Royal Visit To Adelaide Curtailed**

Adelaide, Mar. 21. The royal yacht Gothic will sail from Adelaide to Perth on Monday evening, March 22, instead of Friday, March 26, as previously announced.

It was generally believed that Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh would leave on the Gothic for their tour of Western Australia.

The serious poliomyelitis epidemic in Western Australia gave rise to a series of high level telephone discussions on the advisability of continuing the royal tour in that area, it was learned.

The tour may be restricted in some ways, and it was thought that the royal couple would have all their meals on the ship, prepared by the Gothic's own chefs, to avoid any possibility of contamination. —France-Press.

**AT CATHEDRAL**

Adelaide, Mar. 21. The Duke of Edinburgh read the second Lesson at morning service at St Peter's Cathedral here today.

The Queen wore for the service a full-skirted coat of white brocade, trimmed at the sleeves and pockets with navy blue and a small white feather hat.

In his address the Bishop of Adelaide, Dr. Bryan Robin, said: "Those who are really brave must long often enough to be allowed to be ordinary private people, and because of this I have done my best to make this occasion as ordinary as it can be."

**AMERICAN AID**

Hanoi, Mar. 21. Senior officers of the United States Air Force are now visiting Hanoi in order to investigate requirements with regard to aircraft of the French Air Force in Indo-China.

They belong to the US Military Air Mission. The American officers said today that the French needed another 50 helicopters and remarked "if the French had had them the grievous problem of evacuating the wounded from Dien Bien Phu would have been solved from the start."

French observers here feel that the same applies to the French bomber force. They (Contd. on back page, Col. 4)

After being in place for nineteen years, workmen dismantled scaffolding surrounding the Victoria Tower, House of Parliament. Restoration and repair work to the tower has just been completed. In the background can be seen Big Ben, whose tower, damaged by bombs during the war, will now undergo similar repair. The whole of the House of Parliament is undergoing restoration due to the extensively soft stone used in the original construction being eaten away by London Smog. —London Express.

**2 Babies Born At Sea In Rough Weather**

New York, Mar. 21. The Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria, 24 hours late because of Atlantic storms, docked here today with two extra passengers born at sea.

The first arrival, a boy, was named Andrea Pasquale Calvano, in honour of the ship and her skipper, Captain Pasquale Pezzullo. He was born at 3 a.m. on March 17 as the vessel ploughed through heavy seas.

A girl, Giuseppina Andreina Falasca, came into the world yesterday at 4 a.m. Her middle name also is in honour of her birthplace.

Carmelo Calvano, a tailor from Scaletta, Calabria, in Southern Italy, is the father of three other children, also making their first trip to America. They are en route to New York, to visit Signora Calvano's father, who left Italy 30 years ago.

Signora Annuziata Falasca, mother of the baby girl, had a difficult delivery and was taken to a hospital here for further medical care after the Andrea Doria docked.

Her husband Paolo, an employee of a rubber factory in Akron, Ohio, was waiting for her when the ship arrived. The couple were wed in Cavallina, in Southern Italy last June. Shortly afterwards Falasca had to return to the United States and did not see his wife until today.

Captain Pezzullo proudly posed with the infants, one in each arm, for photographers, and made each a present of a layette and a gold religious medal. —United Press.

**Get Rid Of McCarthy Demand**

Washington, Mar. 21. A high Episcopal Church clergymen said today that Senator Joseph McCarthy is in a position to "damage the American way" and should be removed as chairman of the Senate Investigating sub-Committee.

Strong criticism of the Wisconsin Republican was voiced by the Very Rev. James H. Dean of New York's Cathedral of St John the Divine, who spoke at the Washington Cathedral.

"There is loosed upon us a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour," said Dr. Pike. "This power further to destroy rests entirely upon the Senate and their power rests in the people."

He said support and tolerance of Senator McCarthy's policies reflected a "moral relativism" which had made people indifferent to evil methods and led them to distrust the way of American democracy.

"Mr. McCarthy is in the position to damage the American way simply by the will of the Senate," so let the Senate show clearly where it stands on the American way by changing the leadership of the sub-Committee," he said. —United Press.

**Wildeblood's Flat Burgled**

London, Mar. 21. Burglars today broke into the London apartment of journalist Peter Wildeblood who is now facing trial with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on charges involving homosexual practices. Nothing of value was stolen, it was learned here.

A similar burglary took place a few days ago at Lord Montagu's country residence where, also nothing of importance was taken away. —France-Press.

**Bar Room Brawl**

Johannesburg, Mar. 21. Sixty-eight Africans were injured, 20 seriously, in a bar room brawl here in which clubs, knives and beer mugs were used.

The fight stopped abruptly when the police arrived. One of the casualties collapsed while trying to reach hospital on foot. The cause of the fight was unknown. —France-Press.

**1,000 Dogs In Protest Parade**

Luebeck, Germany, Mar. 21. More than a thousand dogs, their collars covered with black crepe, walked with their owners in a two-mile-long mourning procession through Luebeck today.

They were demonstrating against the shooting by local authorities last week of 12 dogs and cats in a refugee camp here, because of the danger of rabies.

Ten thousand people lined the sidewalks to watch the procession. —Reuter.

**MacArthur May Be Sent On A Far East Tour**

Washington, Mar. 21. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur may be designated a special White House envoy and dispatched on a sweeping Far East tour as a result of his luncheon last week with President Eisenhower, the United Press learned today.

Powerful Congressional friends of the former Far East commander were reporting privately that they expected such a move as an outgrowth of the MacArthur-Eisenhower reunion.

General MacArthur, according to these persons, would make a "fact-finding" and "goodwill" tour of Asia similar to that made of Latin America last year by Mr. Milton Eisenhower, the President's brother. Like Mr. Eisenhower, the general might carry the title of special presidential representative with the rank of Ambassador.

Many Republicans, especially those of the so-called "Taft Wing" of the Party, have long thought that the administration should utilize General MacArthur's intimate knowledge of Far Eastern affairs.

Such persons reason that the MacArthur name remains "magic" in the Far East, especially in the Philippines and Japan, that doors would open to him as they would not to Americans of lesser reputation, that he could count on old Asian friends to confide in him, that the critical developments with respect to Indo-China demand a shrewd military appraisal in Asia, that as a "master strategist" MacArthur still has no equal, and that an assignment of such trust would at least partly remove any taint to the general's international honour resulting from his recall by ex-President Truman.

**Two Attempted Assassinations**

Casablanca, Mar. 21. A terrorist fired two shots at a merchant in the New Medina quarter of the city, wounding him in the arm and shoulder, and then fled into a crowd, the police said today.

The police reported that another terrorist attempted to kill a 52-year-old Moroccan scholar in his home last night.

The unidentified gunman crept up and pressed the barrel of a revolver against the back of the scholar's neck. When the weapon failed to fire, the would-be assassin took to his heels. —United Press.

**Build Space Satellite, US Urged**

Albuquerque, N. M., Mar. 21. The director of the Meteorological Institute of the University of New Mexico, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, urged the United States to lose no time in constructing a "space platform," or artificial satellite, to hover above the earth, in an article published in the bulletin of the Pacific Astronomical Society.

Dr. La Paz said that if the Russians were the first to succeed in carrying out this plan, the United States and the rest of the world would have lost a choice but to submit to their will.

The writer suggested in the article that a base should be set up on one of the minute meteorites which circle the earth, thus avoiding the need to build the "platform" with materials transported from the earth at enormous cost.

He thought that in the present state of scientific knowledge, such a project could be carried out. —France-Press.

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**Singapore Gaol Reforms Proving Successful**

Singapore, Mar. 21. The saying among Singaporeans that when one goes to prison here he or she becomes Her Majesty's "guest" is gradually getting nearer the truth.

Major W. L. P. Sochon, Commissioner of Prisons, disclosed today that long term convicts in the Changi Gaol are to be provided with music from records set bought for them by their own money.

The Commissioner said the money comes from an amenities fund to which prisoners who get paid for special work contribute. This fund also enables them to rent cinema films for screening in the prison.

Major Sochon said the scheme to pay prisoners for certain work was introduced at the beginning of the year, and is working very well. It has led to a remarkable drop in disciplinary punishments, he added.

The Commissioner also revealed that the prisoners without bars plan has been equally successful. First offenders at Changi, if found suitable, are transferred to a separate hut where they enjoy more freedom than those in cells. The hut is run on the lines of Britain's open prison camps.

There are 60 men in the camp in the Changi area. Since it was opened in January there have been only four minor offences. Prisoners who do not behave in the camps are liable to be sent back to the prison. —United Press.

**Proves To Be Imposter**

Bolzano, Italy, Mar. 21. The man who yesterday claimed to be an American Air Corps sergeant and who had jumped from a flaming plane over the Icaro valley in northern Italy was today revealed to be a Polish citizen named Wazly Kowalczyk, aged 32, who was a deserter from the frontier from Austria.

Patrols, which had been searching the mountains for hours for traces of the non-existent planes were recalled. American military authorities who had gone to Cavallina, in Southern Italy last June, to question Kowalczyk and report on the plane "disaster," said that he was a mere imposter.

Kowalczyk was arrested after admitting that he had entirely invented the story of his parachute jump. —France-Press.

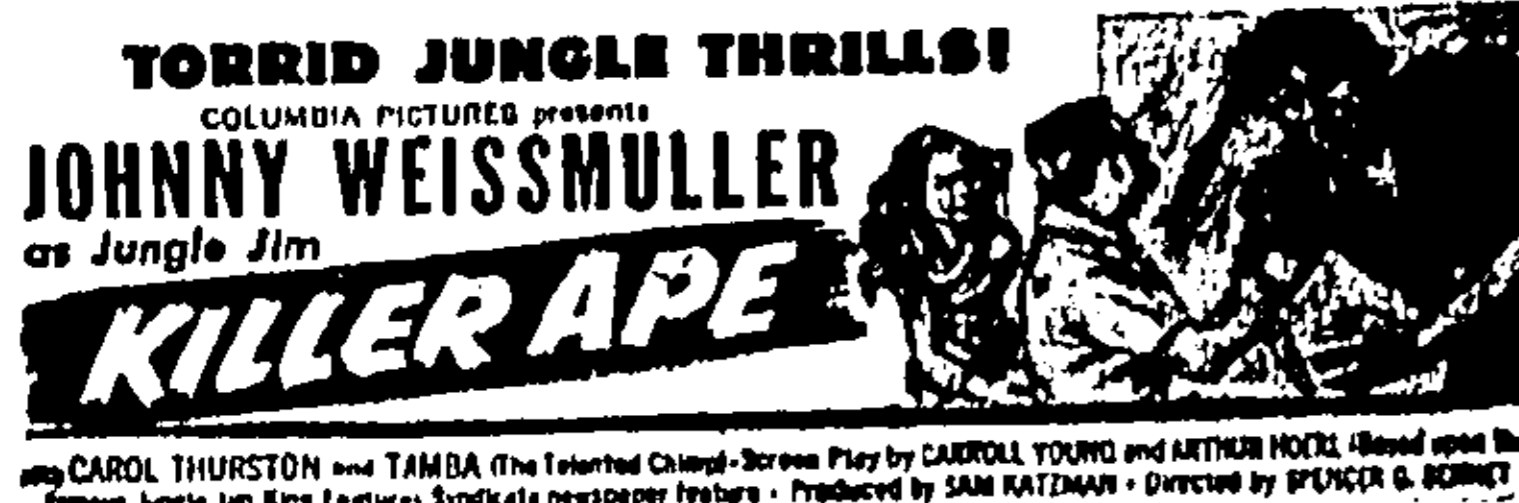
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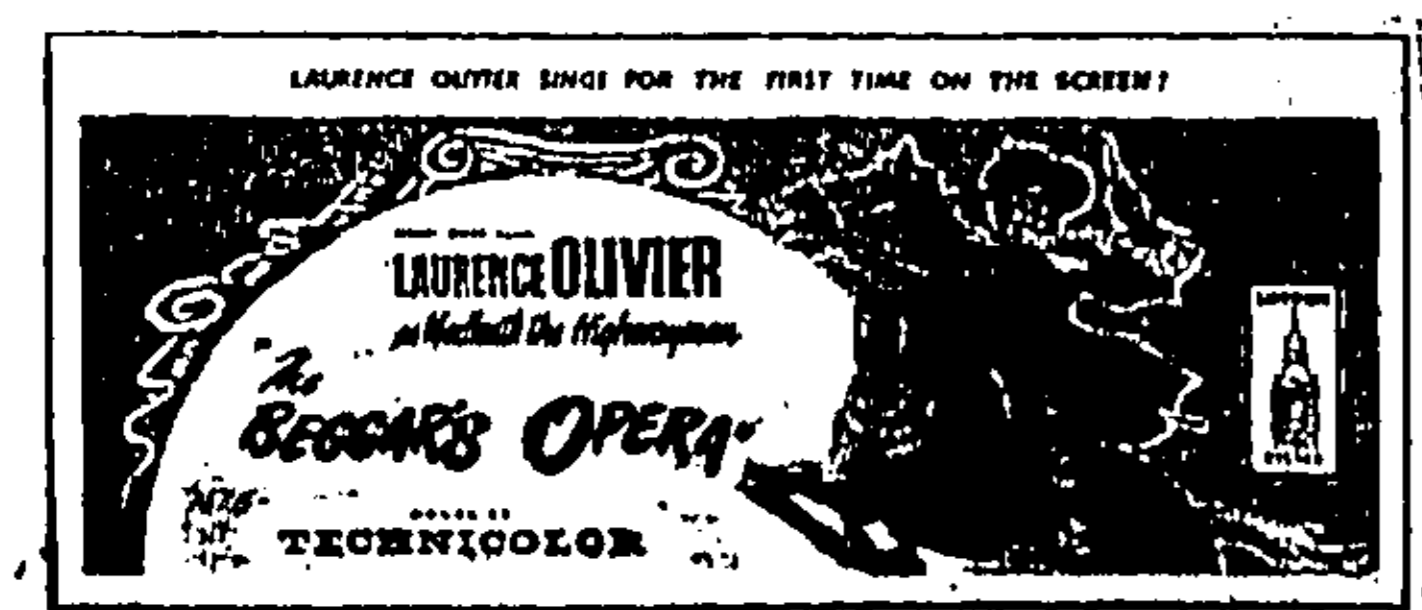


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# NEW MIDDLE-EAST TALKS ON DEFENCE

## Iraqi Statesman Making Wide Inquiries

London, Mar. 21.

Western diplomats are keenly awaiting the outcome of the talks which the Veteran Iraqi Statesman, Senator Nuri Al Said is holding with Pakistan, India and Middle Eastern states about collective regional defence.

The Senator, a former Prime Minister, is making his tour with the full authority of the Iraqi Government.

His talks may therefore affect the whole Western defence front against Communism. They may also have serious consequences for the unity of the Arab world, in which Egypt has in the past been the unchallenged leader.

Iraq has shown clear signs of interest in the recently announced pact between Turkey and Pakistan, seen by the big Western powers as a valuable link in the absence of a stable anti-Communist front in the Middle East, particularly in view of Egypt's protests of neutrality between the two world blocs.

Senator Nuri Al Said is at present still in Karachi, where he is accompanying King Feisal on a State visit to Pakistan. His next call will be on the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, in Delhi, where he is expected to try to remove some points of friction between India and Pakistan over Pakistan's line up with Turkey and acceptance of American military aid.

His talks in Delhi, however, are unlikely to influence Mr. Nehru away from his policy of neutrality and dislike of alliances with the Eastern or Western powers.

In an interview published today in the London "Observer", the Indian Premier declared: "We do not like military commitments even for defence. We do not want any commitments likely to draw us into war."

"NO USE FOR NEUTRALITY" Pakistan's rejection of neutrality was re-emphasised in another London newspaper today. The "Sunday Times" published an interview with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, in which he said: "No use whatever for the neutral stand by India."

"Neutrality is impossible, and to pretend otherwise is to bury one's head in the sand like an ostrich," he said.

Senator Nuri Al Said plans to visit Ankara, Tehran, Cairo and Beirut on his way home from Delhi. He is expected to take soundings in these capitals about possible membership of the Turkish-Pakistan alliance, and the effect it would have on Iraq's plans for establishing a projected union between herself, Syria and Jordan.

Much may depend upon the attitude of Syria, which under the now deposed President Shishinski, resisted the Arab union from the time it was canvassed by the late King Abdullah of Jordan.

Diplomatic quarters in London believe fulfilment of either project would cause deep resentment in Cairo as representing rivalry to Egypt's traditional leadership of the Arab states.

But new leadership by an Iraq allied to her Eastern and Western neighbours, Turkey and Pakistan, could provide a re-orienting break from the internal quarrels and international wavers that have beset the Arab world since the cold war started and made it vulnerable to Communist expansion.—Reuter.

### ASIAN CONFERENCE

Colombo, Mar. 21. Communism in Asia will be one of the chief topics of discussion at the Prime Ministers' conference scheduled here from April 28 through May 1, it was learnt today.

An informed source said that unilateral or co-operative action to prevent Communism infiltrating into democratic countries will be discussed by the Asian Premiers and their advisers.

Among those who have notified their ability to attend are Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Burmese Premier U Nu, Indonesian Premier Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo and Pakistani Premier Mohammed Ali.

The source said the conference has no agenda and matters pertaining to the anti-Communist countries, including economic co-operation, industries, food, political and defence questions may be discussed.

Ceylon's Premier, Sir John Kotelawala, has requested all Ministers to prepare a list of problems affecting each of them except for subjects which are controversial.

The source said under the heading of "other" the establishment of a "new"...

region for the Asian area bordering Ceylon, India, Burma, Pakistan and Indonesia is certain to be discussed.

The attendance of Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Zafarullah Khan, indicates that political and defence affairs will receive high priority at the conference. Indonesian Premier Mr. Sastroamidjojo has already given notice he would propose the immediate calling of an African-Asian conference to be held in Djakarta "for any place which may be considered more suitable."

The Premier was quoted to have said that African-Asian unity would play handsome dividends in the field of economic co-operation.—United Press.

## Madame Pandit Speaks On Geneva Meeting

Colombo, Mar. 21.

The President of the United Nations Assembly, Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, said the coming Geneva conference for discussion of the Korean issue would not be by-passing the United Nations or undermining its prestige.

She said the conference was a genuine effort by the nations engaged in the conflict and by other countries which had taken part in the Korean war, to come together with the sincere hope to arrive at a lasting amicable settlement.

Madame Pandit described the present situation in the Suez Canal Zone as dangerous and highly inflammable, and said it required delicate handling as it could have wider and more far-reaching consequences than those affecting Egypt and Britain. She hoped there would be an early and amicable solution of this problem, which, she said, endangered world peace.

She declined to comment on controversial matters such as the question of Communist China's entry into the United Nations. She said India's views on the subject were already well known and she shared these views.

Madame Pandit said she disapproved of military pacts and rearmament but refused to be drawn into making a statement on any specific pact concluded recently. She said that such agreements between two nations were not conducive to world peace and tended to retard goodwill, friendship and trust between countries not included in these pacts.

Questioned regarding German rearmament, Madame Pandit said she was not in favour of any rearmament and as a mad race goes on in rearming, it would lead to inevitable clashes. Although she had no formula for permanent world peace, she and others were in search of a solution to this most important problem and this search must go on.

Madame Pandit congratulated Ceylon Prime Minister Kotelawala on his idea to hold the Asian premier conference in Colombo next month. She said the conference should result in greater goodwill and understanding among the countries of this region.—France-Press.

## New Inquiry Into Comet Will 'Last A Long Time'

London, Mar. 21.

The Chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, Sir Miles Thomas, said on his arrival today from Singapore that examination of three of the four engines of the Comet which crashed recently into the sea off the island of Elba would take a long time.

He said that the important thing which had to be determined was the exact moment of fracture. Sir Miles, who had flown to Singapore to investigate the crash there of a BOAC "Constellation," said that his trip had been fully justified and he added that large-scale investigations would continue to be carried out there into the cause of this accident.—France-Press.

## Randall Plan Faces Opposition In Congress

Washington, Mar. 21.

Powerful protectionist forces are mobilising to block President Eisenhower's programme for a more liberal United States foreign economic policy, expected to be submitted to Congress this week.

The President's proposals will form the first official statement of the 14-month-old Republican administration's plans for expanding world trade and reshaping its general economic policy in this field.

Informed observers believe that the President's proposals will closely follow the recommendations of his Randall Commission on trade policy.

The Randall report, issued on January 23, was an unbalanced weighted in favour of "trade, not aid."

Among its chief recommendations were: 1. A three-year extension on the reciprocal trade agreements act; 2. The curbing of official routine customs procedures; 3. Modification of the "buy American" act; 4. A small but progressive reduction in United States tariffs over the next three years, with some protective safeguards likely to be effected by increased imports resulting from lower tariffs.

But already the economic isolationist wing of the Republican Party, led by powerful Congressional members of the Randall Commission, who disagreed with its findings, has served notice of its plan to kill any tariff cut proposals.

Mr. Daniel Reed (Republican, New York) filed a "vigorous" dissent on the proposed tariffs. Senator Eugene Millikin said he could not accept them.

As chairman, respectively, of the House of Representatives Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee, the two Congressmen are in a position to place such formidable blocks in the way of a finalised trade and tariff programme that many observers believe the Eisenhower Administration might have to settle for less than it asks.—Reuter.

Stevenson Sees Foreign Minister

Paris, Mar. 21.

The Cairo radio monitored here reported that the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson, was tonight received by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr. Mahmud Fawzi. The broadcast said the interview took place at 6 p.m.—France-Press.

## Aly Khan-Rita Hayworth Divorce Tangle

Paris, Mar. 21.

Prince Aly Khan's lawyer M. Charles Torem said today the Prince may agree "in a few days" to a final settlement with actress Rita Hayworth on the future of their daughter Yasmin.

Mr. Torem said the thorny question of a trust fund for Yasmin has been settled.

He refused to divulge the terms of the settlement, but informed sources said the Prince has agreed to set up a trust fund of \$100,000 for Yasmin and to give her \$20,000 a year until her 21st birthday.

"Unfortunately," Mr. Torem added, "we have other problems which remain to be solved."

Although the lawyer would not comment further before talking with Aly, it was believed he was referring to the question of when and how he could see his child and what sort of a visiting arrangement could be set up.

The ill-fated marriage of Rita and Aly has been ended as far as the United States is concerned by a divorce obtained by Miss Hayworth in Reno last year.

But this divorce is not recognised in Europe and the Prince must be represented in Reno to make the decision world-wide, French lawyers said.

"The question of whether baby Yasmin will be raised as a Muslim or not is still being discussed along with other problems concerning the taking care of the young princess," Mr. Torem said.—United Press.

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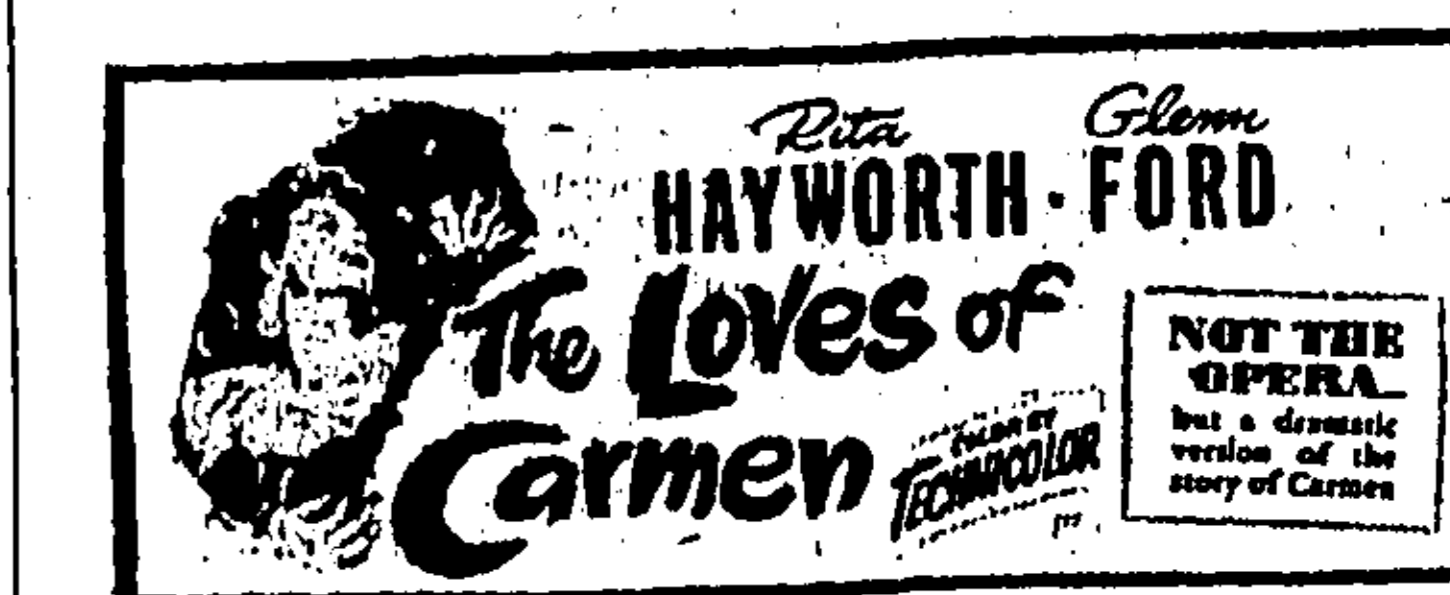
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# BRITISH TIES WITH EDC

## DISCUSSED Setting France's Fears Of Germany At Rest

London, Mar. 21. Britain has started consultations with France and the other five European Army nations about the final form of her association with the projected military merger, the Foreign Office announced today.

A spokesman declined to elaborate the statement. But diplomatic sources said Sir Christopher Steele, British member of the Atlantic Pact Council in Paris, told the six-nation Committee planning the European Army about Britain's proposed additional commitments late last week.

Fears that premature leakage of information might weaken the effect of the formal announcement of Britain's plans have led to unusual secrecy about the talks.

It is planned to publish details of Britain's guarantees to the project Community shortly before the French National Assembly begins debating ratification of the nearly two-year-old treaty setting it up.

Many French Deputies have made it a condition of their vote for the treaty that Britain establishes strong links with the Community to balance any threatened German domination of it.

The sources said the British proposals did not promise the maintenance of British troops on the continent for the 50-year life of the proposed Community, as originally requested by France. But Britain would make a declaration about her intentions regarding her troops that went beyond anything promised so far, and which, it was thought, would be well received in French political circles.

**THREE CONDITIONS**  
New York, Mar. 21. The Secretary-General of the French Socialist Party, Guy Mollet, has outlined three conditions necessary for his party's ratification of the European Defence Community.

Writing in the April issue of the publication "Foreign Affairs," he said the Socialist decision would depend on the extent of British participation in EDC; the assurance of certain American guarantees; and a political authority containing supra-national powers to utilise the organisation.

Reiterating the French fear of a rearmament and independent Germany, M. Mollet said "the actual and effective presence of Great Britain is the principal way to reduce the risks which Germany's participation as an actual partner might create for the future European Defence Community."

Britain's recent assurances that she was willing to maintain close co-operation with the organisation were assuring, he said. He added, however, that these assurances "obviously must be stated in concrete and precise terms."

He said the U.S. guarantees should rest on two essentials: "Maintenance of American troops on the continent" and

"treaty arrangements insuring that the United States will oppose the withdrawal of any member nation from EDC or the endeavour of any member to regain its military autonomy in violation of the treaty."

Finally, he said, the organisation of an armed force is inconceivable without settling the problem of the political authority which would decide to utilise it.

This authority would have to possess "genuine supra-national power, under true democratic control, expressed through a parliament elected by universal vote," he declared.

He also would want this authority to be limited to the EDC.—United Press.

**OPPOSITION**  
Paris, Mar. 21. Parliamentarians from six European countries ended a two-day meeting in Paris tonight with an affirmation of their firm opposition to the proposed European Army and a decision to set up a liaison committee to co-ordinate their activities.

Delegates from France, Italy, Germany and the three Benelux countries, as well as British observers, attended the conference called by French opposition to the European Defence Community.

The final resolution adopted by the conference declared that the EDC, far from improving the chances of peace, could close the way to negotiations between East and West and create an insurmountable obstacle to a peaceful unification of Germany.

It called for the reopening of the Berlin negotiations to try to find a solution of the different international problems, including peaceful reunification of Germany, holding of free elections throughout Germany, the conclusion of German and Austro-German treaties, organisation of collective security system and general disarmament.

The resolution expressed the fear the rearmament of Germany provided for in the EDC treaty would lead again to resurgence of German militarism, claiming that the so-called guarantees contained in the treaty were illusory.

Italian left-wing Socialist leader Pietro Nenni, who was ordered to leave France yesterday and then allowed to return after the conference had protested strongly to Premier Joseph Laniel, attended today's session.—Reuter.

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## Naguib Gets A Beret



A new picture of General Naguib, restored President of the Egyptian Republic, shown the General with Colonel Salah Hatata, officer commanding the Infantry. Colonel Hatata presented Naguib with the Corps' new beret.—Express Photo.

## A New Kon-Tiki

# Three Men Drifted 3,000 Miles Across The Atlantic

London, Mar. 21. Two London men and a New Zealander returned here by air today after drifting in an 18-ton sloop, 3,000 miles from Dakar, in French West Africa, to Barbados, in the West Indies, in 82 days.

The men were 28-year-old Frank Evans, of London, 33-year-old Roland Sharma, of London, whose father is a Malayan barrister, and 32-year-old Claude Norman Dickson, a New Zealand meteorologist and radio operator.

The expedition, backed by a Belgian Industrialist and the Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, set off from Dakar last November in the 18-ton sloop, Petula, towing a small raft for close observation of sea life immediately below the surface.

Slowly they drifted, recording and photographing the life of fish and collecting scientific information. Two crates full of specimens are waiting to be sent to Britain from Barbados.

To six-foot Claude Dickson fell two adventures with sharks. On one occasion, he was sailing in a thin rubber dinghy from the Petula to the raft when a large shark rubbed its nose along the bottom of the dinghy.

"I just sat there while the shark rubbed against the bottom. He should have been able to feel me sitting inside. Eventually, I reached the raft and leapt aboard," he added.

When approaching Barbados, the New Zealander was about to return to the yawl from the raft when two sharks swam up. The two aboard the yawl got on a "shark repellent." This was thrown into the water and attracted the two sharks while Dickson hurried back to the yacht. They managed to get some good action shots of sharks as they dashed at the yacht.

**DOLPHIN-FISH**  
Sharma, a marine biologist, said they had made one important discovery about dolphins, which constantly followed the yacht.

He added: "Dolphins are definitely of the whale family. These dolphins were fish. Dolphin-fish are something of a find."

The main discovery recorded by the three men was that the northern and southern equatorial currents of the Atlantic meet in the area of Central Africa. They let the craft follow the will of the currents and progressed at about one mile an hour for 82 days finally at Barbados.

The trio spent Christmas Day aboard the yacht, and had a Christmas dinner of asparagus in butter, chicken and green peas, and minced pies, all cooked by Dickson. But owing to a lack of cooking, the Christmas pudding was not on the menu until Boxing Day.

They dressed up in paper hats, pulled crackers and drank toasts to relatives at home. All gained weight during the trip.

They left the petula at Barbados, where it will be sold. Their specimens will probably go to a London college, where Evans, a marine biologist, is to continue his research.

Unfortunately when nearing Barbados they had to cut their raft free in a gale.

But Evans said his advice to the three men was to drift across the Atlantic to make a raft, not a boat.—China Mail.

## US Mayor On Goodwill Tour To Karachi

New York, Mar. 21. Dr. Robert Kerr, the mayor of Courland (New York), and three other members of the Courland Citizens' Pakistan Committee left the New York International airport this evening for Karachi. They will be the guests of Prime Minister Mohamed Ali.

This trip is the result of a gesture of international goodwill following the recent visits by Pakistanis to Courland. As a result the Pakistan Ambassador was invited for an official visit to Courland last October and a Pakistan Committee was formed.

Subsequently, a town affiliation with the city of Peshawar was announced.

The two cities have a number of things in common, according to Dr. Kerr. They are both essentially towns of agricultural areas raising mainly fruit and livestock.

While in Peshawar, Dr. Kerr said, he would actually take over the mayor's job for a few days. On their return on April 17, the Americans will be accompanied by the mayor of Peshawar, Abdul Rashid, who will pay a similar visit to Courland.

The American delegation is taking along a number of uniquely American gifts, such as baseballs, ball point pens, pipe cleaners, etc. for the residents of Peshawar.—France Press.

# Japanese PoWs Started Gold Rush In Siberia

Tokyo, Mar. 21. Two Japanese repatriates from Soviet Russia today told the story of rich gold deposits in Eastern Siberia which were first discovered by Japanese and German prisoners of war.

They said there was a "gold rush" for the rich gold territory which they said lies along the Kolyma River. This river runs north from the sea of Okhotsk part of Magadan to the East Siberia Sea.

Yoshio Kashiwabara, 44, and Munetoshi Goto, 46, who returned with 418 other Japanese nationals aboard the repatriation ship, Koan Maru, yesterday, told their story to the newspaper Sangyo Keizai.

They said the gold deposits were first found by German and Japanese war prisoners engaged in forest and quarry work immediately after World War II.

Prisoner gangs working alongside the river found gold-bearing ore lumps, the size of a quail's egg, in spring when the river melted, gold dust could be seen on the river bed.

Kashiwabara and Goto said the prisoners frequently hid this ore in their mouths to exchange it for bread with the local villagers.

The Soviet authorities later found out about this and an extensive development programme was started.

The repatriates said this gold-bearing territory was bigger than the four islands of Japan put together. As far as they knew there were several hundred gold mines, big and small, scattered in the territory.

**CRIMINAL LABOURERS**  
They said political and ordinary criminals from Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Germany (Nazi), Korea, Communist China and Italy were used as labourers in those mines. They also revealed that Soviet nationals were forced to leave the territory after three years of residence.

The repatriates said they were treated warmly by the Russian people because they worked "hard."

"The Russians were very friendly and they talked freely when we visited their homes," a repatriate said. "They said they were having an easier time since the advent of the Malenkov regime. But they refused to discuss the top administration."

A Russian farmer was arrested because he praised an American-made truck and said it was better than Russian products, another repatriate said.

Another home coming Japanese said he knew of eight Japanese who had married Russians and stayed behind, but believed they were not getting along too well.

**US FILMS POPULAR**  
"The Russian women married the Japanese because they are hard workers," he said. "But after marriage the women asserted equal rights with men. They began drinking beer and vodka in the disgust of their Japanese husbands."

Other repatriates said there was an unusually large number of Russian engineers between 60 and 40 years of age and many of them tried to marry Japanese.

American and French movies were shown in Russia, they said. The American western picture, "Shane," was the most popular foreign picture in 1953.—Reuter.

## Cat's Cruise Around The World

Wellington, Mar. 21. A Wellington waterfront cat returned in the liner Rangitiki after a year's voyage around the world.

The cat fell from a wharf into the sea when the liner left Wellington and was rescued by the crew.

It became a pet with hundreds of passengers but the cat showed an uncanny homing instinct when the ship berthed here again. A few minutes it bounded into the cabin of a wharf shed. The cat did not return.—China Mail Special.

**Sequel To Explosions**  
Agreement On Suez Less Likely

London, Mar. 21. The week-end disturbances in Cairo in which six bomb explosions occurred are evidence of the continuing political instability in the Egyptian capital which makes the early Anglo-Egyptian agreement about Britain's Suez Canal base most unlikely, diplomatic sources said today.

Another source of anxiety to the British Government is the refusal of Egypt's military rulers to stamp out the terrorist attacks against British servicemen in the Suez Canal area.

Formal negotiations for Britain's withdrawal of her 80,000 troops in the Suez base were suspended last October after the negotiations came to a deadlock on the conditions under which the base would be re-manned and whether the technicians who were to maintain it in peacetime should have the right to wear uniforms or not.

A spokesman of the Cairo junta denied a British statement last week that Egypt had sought a reopening of the talks. And the public rejection by President Mohamed Naguib of Britain's request to send troops back to Suez if Turkey is attacked is likely to complicate the negotiations if ever they are restarted.

Britain had proposed that attacks on Persia, Turkey or any of the Arab states should justify her reopening the base. Egypt insisted that only an attack on the Arab states would warrant it.

**EXTREMELY DIFFICULT**  
President Naguib told journalists last week he could not accept the inclusion of Turkey in an agreement because Turkey was a member of the Atlantic Pact, which stated that an attack upon one member would be regarded as an attack upon all. Thus, he said, Britain would be authorised to remain the Suez Canal base if France were attacked.

British officials today continued to refuse to comment on Naguib's interpretation. Some observers believe that what the British Government had in mind was an actual attack on Turkish territory. But military commentators here say it is inconceivable that an East-West war in which Turkey as a member of the Atlantic alliance became involved would not swiftly lead to conflict on the Soviet-Turkish frontier.

This consideration clearly influenced the British Chiefs-of-Staff, who throughout Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, when they agreed to the proposal regarding Turkey.

Competent observers say it is extremely difficult to see how and when the next move in the negotiations will be made.—Reuter.

**Israeli Outrage Inquiry Ends**  
Tel-Aviv, Mar. 21. The official inquiry by Israeli and United Nations representatives, into the Elath bus massacre was ended today, an Israeli military spokesman said tonight in Tel-Aviv.

Police dogs used to track the killers left the trail because of the rocky ground and very hot weather which destroyed the scent.

However, other evidence was obtained as well as statements from the survivors of the tragedy.

All the reports will be submitted to the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Commission, which is scheduled to meet today tomorrow.

The chairman of the commission has already granted priority to a consideration of the bus massacre, the spokesman said.—Reuter.

## Silver Wedding In Hospital

Oslo, Mar. 21. Crown Princess Martha of Norway today spent her Silver Wedding day in hospital, where she has been for over a week with a serious recurrence of a liver complaint.

In spite of a strenuous day with visits from all the Royal family and the Royal relatives from Denmark and Sweden, it was reported in tonight's bulletin that her condition had been satisfactory, taking into consideration the circumstances.—Reuter.

# No Immediate Thought Of Retiring, But "Churchill Is Not Trying To Beat Gladstone's Record"

London, Mar. 21. Rumour is keeping up its efforts to hustle 79-year-old Sir Winston Churchill into retirement, but there is no firm foundation for believing he has made up his mind when he will give up the Premiership.

The prophets, knowing the veteran statesman never dances speculation, are getting bolder every day about retirement dates, and are even reshuffling the Conservative Cabinet and arranging for an autumn general election.

Some insist the Prime Minister will resign soon after Queen Elizabeth's return to the country from her Commonwealth tour, and that Mr. Anthony Eden, his Deputy, will take over the reins of office then.

A Sunday newspaper today declared Conservative organisers throughout the country had been tipped off to be ready for an election any time between the return of the Queen in mid-May and the end of November.

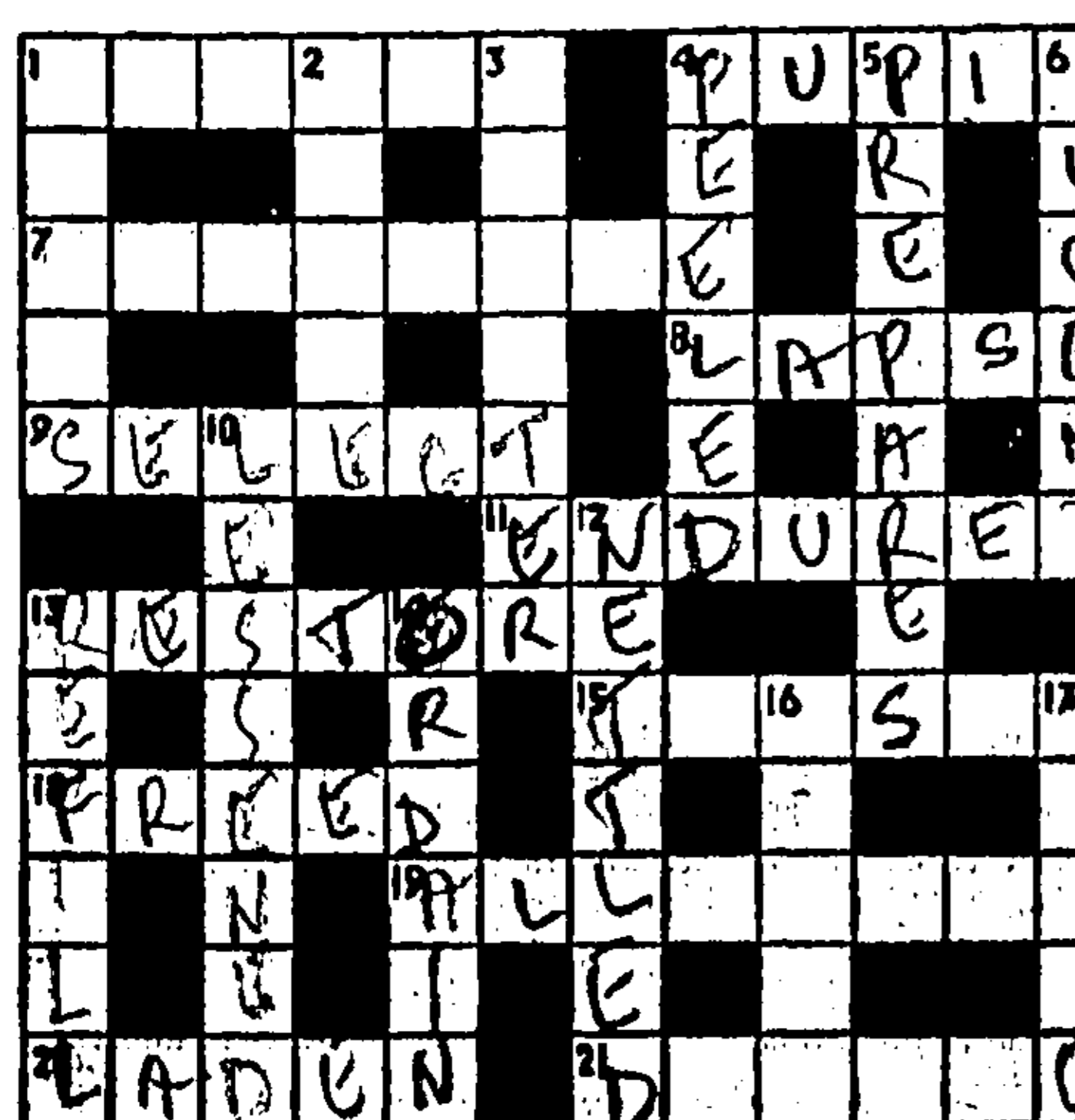
of these rumours were being put about by ambitious politicians in the Prime Minister's Conservative Party.

What are the facts? 1. Sources closest to Sir Winston Churchill said today that the Prime Minister was manifestly unimpressed, but was convinced he has no far made no definite plans for retirement.

2. Conservative Party quarters declared nobody in the nation-wide organisation had been "asked" to expect an election this year.

3. Definite plans are now being made for Sir Winston Churchill's tour of the Commonwealth, which will start in mid-May and end in November.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**  
1. Bog (6).  
2. Scholar (5).  
3. Exile (5).  
4. Fall from grace (5).  
5. Choose (6).  
6. Lusted (7).  
7. Put back (7).  
8. Vexed (6).  
9. Liberated (6).  
10. Reference (8).  
11. Burdened (6).  
12. Hang down (6).  
**DOWN**  
1. Laughs at (5).  
2. Protection (7).  
3. Skinned (6).  
4. Gets ready (6).  
5. Myth (6).  
6. Diminished (8).  
7. Annoyed (7).  
8. Replenish (6).  
9. Decree (6).  
10. Fire-raising (5).  
11. Blockhead (6).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Lava, 4. Suspect, 8. Moan, 9. Beau, 10. Violent, 11. Suet, 12. Cure, 14. Defends, 17. Ready, 19. Arrow, 21. Exposed, 26. Anon, 27. Term, 28. Agitate, 29. Moat, 30. Edges, 31. Meddles, 32. Done. Down: 1. Avenue, 3. Amused, 4. Saved, 6. United, 6. Pulse, 7. Caved, 11. Crop, 13. Race, 15. Noon, 16. Scan, 18. Settee, 20. Rammed, 21. Modern, 23. Rags, 24. Heyed, 25. Deeds.

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# MISERY MAN FINDS NEW CUSTOMERS

London. **• Buster Keaton** is no longer the forgotten man he was 15 years ago. Television has changed that.

by MILTON SHULMAN

"Bad investments, marriage settlements (I gave my first wife over £120,000) and drink," he said, almost reveling in the memory of so much misery.

We had been talking about the days when Keaton, along with Harold Lloyd and Charles Chaplin, was ranked as one of the greatest clowns of the silent cinema.

"I had my own production company then," Keaton went on, "and I was worth about a million dollars. I lent a lot of it—most of them died before they got round to paying me back. And I drank too much. But I haven't wanted to get drunk for years. I feel so terrible afterwards."

## Fame again

The features, not unlike those of an aging bloodhound, sank back to their comical state of glum resignation. He slipped his liquor cautiously and waited for the next question.

At 58, Keaton has come to London to play his first completely serious role. It is a short TV film about a government official who becomes disillusioned with the work he is doing in a police state. But

why should a slapstick comedian be chosen for such a part?

"The novelty of it, I guess," said Keaton.

There is probably a better reason. For Keaton is no longer the forgotten man he was some 15 years ago. Television has brought him fresh fame, a comfortable income and a new public.

"I have worked on every major television show in America," he said. "They pay between £400 and £1,000 for about eight minutes' work. That's more than I was ever paid in pictures."

Keaton becomes even more mournful than he looks when he thinks about talking pictures.

"They killed our lunatic comedy," he said. "They developed comedians who talk their heads off. But on television I can return to the silent technique. I deliberately do routines with no dialogue. No dialogue is a great relief to audiences."

## Smiles were out

Buster Keaton was born into a family of circus and vaudeville acrobats. "I was an eccentric comic at the age of four," he said.

The Keaton act was relatively brutal. One of the gags he remembered was being hit in the face with a broom. Without moving a facial muscle he would wait five or six seconds and then say "Ouch!" It taught him his timing and physical endurance.

He learned as a young man that if he laughed at what he did, the audience didn't. That accounts for the permanently congealed face. "In my pictures I didn't even smile at the girl," he said.

From two-reel slapstick comedies in 1917 he graduated to full-length features during the twenties, some of which still stand up as masterpieces of the comic art.

Recent revivals of films like "The General" and "The Navigator" reveal an extraordinary audio comedian with the meticulous timing of a metronome and the disconcertingly rigid face of a same man in a lunatic world.

Although he made a number of talking pictures they never achieved the popular success of his silent films. By the beginning of the war he was earning his living as a gag man and an adviser on comedy scripts. He has thought up laughs for such strictly non-comic characters as Clark Gable and Lana Turner.

Television after the war not only reacquainted him on the screen, but sent him back to vaudeville.

In 1951 he did a provincial tour in England with a 20-minute act that consisted only of him trying to put his sleepy wife to bed. He never managed to get more than her shoes off.

## Wasn't happy

Despite friendly notices, Keaton was not happy about the tour. "I could never get a hot meal," he said. "It was either too early or too late in every hotel I stayed at. I had cold sandwiches for 10 weeks. And they never seem to have heard of room service."

Nor was he pleased about being billed with old-timers like George Robey and Wee George Wood. "It's like walking on your own grave," he explained.

He has just completed eight weeks with circuses in Brussels and Paris. He enters the ring trying to deliver a dress suit and leaves being chased by half the circus. He received £400 a week for his efforts.

"Luckily I've kept my weight down so I can still do the rough stuff," he said. He is, however, slightly surprised at his continuing popularity in Europe. "Maybe they're just seeing some of my early pictures."

As he shuffles up the stairs to his hotel bedroom, looking very small and very tired, I thought how sad for him. These fully paid TV programmes, I checked my sympathy. Perhaps he was feeling sorry for me.



"Can't have us all becoming skilled overnight, can we?"

London Express Service

## CONTINUING THE ADVENTURE OF THE GOLD HUNTER

by Adrian Conan Doyle and John Dickson Carr

Squire Trelawney, a rich landowner, has been found dead in bed. Dr Paul Griffin, the local medical man, refuses to issue a death certificate; a post-mortem reveals that death was not by natural causes, but cannot show how he died. Under his will Trelawney has disinherited his niece, who kept house for him, in favour of Dr Griffin, who is now under suspicion of murder. The Rev. James Appley, uncle of Dr Griffin, calls on Holmes to ask for help.

For no reason, she is gratuitously offensive to him. Worst of all, she shows her dislike in public.

"Ah! And Mr. Ainsworth?" "Ainsworth is too good a fellow not to deplore his fiancée's behaviour to my nephew. He takes it almost as a personal affront."

"Indeed, most praiseworthy. But here, unless I am much mistaken, are our visitors." The door creaked open and a tall, graceful girl swept into the room. Her dark eyes, glowing with an unnatural brilliance, turned from one to the other of us with a long searching glance that had in it a hint of animosity and a glint of despair. A slim, fair-haired young man with a

## The NEW Exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

naively. "Then, when he flew off about his nightmares—" "Nightmares?" said Holmes. "Yes. He screamed out that he suffered from nightmares."

my ear. But it was ticking. I gave the stem two full turns until it was stopped by the spring; but, in any case, I should not have proceeded. The winding caused a harsh noise, a crack, which drew from Dolores an unnering scream. I recall her exact words.

"Vicar! Put it down! It is like—a like a death-rattle!"

For a moment we sat in silence. Miss Dale turned away her head.

"Mr. Holmes," said Ainsworth earnestly, "these wounds are too recent. May I beg that you will excuse Miss Dale from any further questions tonight?"

Holmes rose to his feet. "Fears are groundless things without proof, Miss Dale," he observed. Taking out his watch, he looked at it thoughtfully. "The hour grows late, eh, Mr. Holmes," remarked Lestrade. "That did not occur to me. But you are right. And now, to Goodman's Rest."

A short journey in the Vicar's carriage brought us to a pair of lodge gates opening into a narrow drive. The moon had risen and the long glimmering avenue stretched away before us, the shadows of the great elm trees. As we swung round the final curve, the golden cones of light from the carriage lamps gleamed faintly on the face of a gaunt ugly mansion. All the dark-painted window shutters were closed against the casements. The front door was shrouded in black crepe.

"It's a house of gloom, all right," said Lestrade in a subdued voice as he tugged at the bell-pull. "Hullo! How's this! What are you doing here, Doctor Griffin?"

## With a moan she buried her face in her hands

OUR client clattered down the stairs. "This is a somewhat curious affair," said Holmes, filling his travelling pouch with shag from the Persian slipper.

"I am glad that at last you see it in that light, my dear fellow," I remarked, "for it did seem to me that you were a little impatient from the first with the worthy Vicar, especially when he strayed into his early medical ambitions and the probability that he would absent-mindedly have removed a patient's gallstones."

The effect of this casual remark was extraordinary. After looking fixedly into space, Holmes sprang to his feet. "By Jove!" he exclaimed. "By Jove!"

There was a touch of colour in his high cheekbones and that sudden gleam in his eyes that I knew of old. "As usual, Watson, your help has been invaluable," he went on warmly.

"Though not yourself luminous, you are a conductor of light."

"I have helped you? By mentioning the Vicar's gallstones?" "Precisely," remarked Lestrade. "And not another word would he utter until we were all encoined in the private parlour of the ancient hostelry. Holmes scribbled a few lines in his notebook and tore out two leaves."

"Now, Mr. Appley, if I might take the liberty of sending your groom with this note to Goodman's Rest and the other to Mr. Ainsworth?" "By all means."

"Excellent. Then we have time for a pipe before Miss Dolores and her fiancée join us." For some time we sat in silence, each busy with his own thoughts. As for myself, I had too much contemplation of the friend to accept the obvious at its face value so long as he appeared to be perplexed in his own mind.

"Well, Mr. Holmes," said Lestrade sternly at last. "You have been sufficiently mysterious to satisfy even Dr. Watson. Let us have your theory."

"I have no theory. I am merely studying my facts."

"Your facts have overlooked the criminal!"

"That remains to be seen. By the way, Vicar, what are the relations between Miss Dolores and your nephew?"

"It is strange that you should mention this," replied Mr. Appley. "Their relationship has been a source of pain to me for some time. But I cannot say more. That is all I can tell you."

fresh complexion and a pair of singularly clear, shrewd blue eyes followed behind her and greeted Appley with a friendly word.

"Which of you is Mr. Sherlock Holmes?" cried the young lady. "Ah, yes. You have uncovered fresh evidence, I imagine?"

"I have come to hear it, Miss Dale. Indeed, I have heard everything except what actually happened on the night your uncle died."

"You stress the word 'died,' Mr. Holmes."

"But hang it all, my dear, what else could he say?" asked young Ainsworth with an attempt at a laugh. "You have probably got a lot of superstitious nonsense in your head because the thunder-storm on Tuesday night upset your uncle. But it was over before he was dead."

"How do you know that?" "Doctor Griffin said that he didn't die until about three o'clock in the morning. Anyway, he was all right in the early hours!"

"You seem very sure."

The young man looked at Holmes in obvious perplexity. "Of course I am. As Mr. Lestrade can tell you, I was in that room three times during the night. The Squire asked me to go there."

"Then he good enough to let me have the facts from the beginning. Perhaps, Miss Dale—"

"Very well, Mr. Holmes. On Tuesday night my uncle asked my fiancée and Dr. Griffin to dine with us at Goodman's Rest. From the first he was uneasy. I put it down to the far-off muttering of thunder; he loathed and feared storms. But now I am wondering whether his uneasiness lay in his mind or his conscience. Be that as it may, our nerves grew more and more tense as the evening went on, nor did Dr. Griffin's sense of humour improve matters. When lightning struck a tree in the copse, I've got to drive home tonight," he said, "and I hope nothing happens to me in this storm. Dr. Griffin is positively insufferable!"

"Well, I'm glad that I'm staying," laughed Jeffrey; "we are snug enough with the good old lightning conductors."

"My uncle leaped from his chair."

"You young fool!" he cried. "Don't you know that there are none in this house? And my whole stock there, missing like a flash, out of his wits."

"I certainly imagine what I'd say," murmured Ainsworth.

and that this was no night for the human soul to be alone."

"He grew calmer," continued Miss Dale, "when Jeffrey offered to look in once or twice during the night. It was really rather pitiful. My fiancée went in—when was it, Jeffrey?"

"Once at ten thirty; once at midnight, and finally at one in the morning."

"Did you speak with him?" asked Sherlock Holmes.

"No, he was asleep."

"Then, how do you know that he was alive?"

"Well! Like many elderly people the Squire kept a night-light. It was a kind of rush-light burning blue in a bowl on the hearth. I couldn't see much, but I could hear his heavy breathing under the howl of the storm."

"It was just after five on the following morning," said Miss Dale, "when—I can't go on! she burst out, 'I can!'"

"Gently, my dear," said Ainsworth, who was looking at her steadily. "Mr. Holmes, this has been a great strain on my nerves."

"Perhaps I may be permitted to continue," suggested the Vicar. "Down was just breaking when I was roused by a heavy pounding on the Vicarage door. A stable boy had been dispatched post-haste from Goodman's Rest with horrible news. It appeared that the housemaid carried up the Squire's morning tea as usual."

"On drawing the curtains, she screamed out in horror at beholding her master dead in the bed. Huddling on my clothes, I rushed to Goodman's Rest. When I entered the bedroom, followed by Dolores and Jeffrey, Doctor Griffin—who had been summoned first—had concluded his examination."

"He has been dead for about two hours," said the doctor. "But for the life of me I can't understand how he died."

"I had moved round to the other side of the bed, composing myself to pray when I caught a glimpse of Trelawney's gold watch gleaming in a ray of morning sunlight. The watch was a stem-winder, without a key. It lay on a small marble-topped table, amid a litter of patent-medicine bottles and liniment-bottles which diffused a strong odour in the stuffy room."

"We are told that in times of crisis our minds will occupy themselves with trifles. This is so; she cannot account for my own behaviour."

"Remembering that the watch was not missing, I went in to see."

The door had swung open and a tall red-headed man, clad in a loose-fitting Norfolk jacket and knickerbockers, stood in the entrance. As he glared fiercely from one to the other of us, I noted the clenched hands and heaving chest that told of some fearsome inner tension.

"Must I get your permission to walk a mile, Mr. Lestrade?" he cried. "Isn't it enough that your cursed suspicions have roused the whole countryside against me?" His great hand shot out and seized my friend by the shoulder. "You're Holmes!"

he said passionately. "I got your note, and here I am. Please God that you live up to your reputation. So far as I can see, you are all that stands between me and the hangman. There, now, what a brute I am! I've frightened her."

With a low moan, Miss Dale had buried her face in her hands.

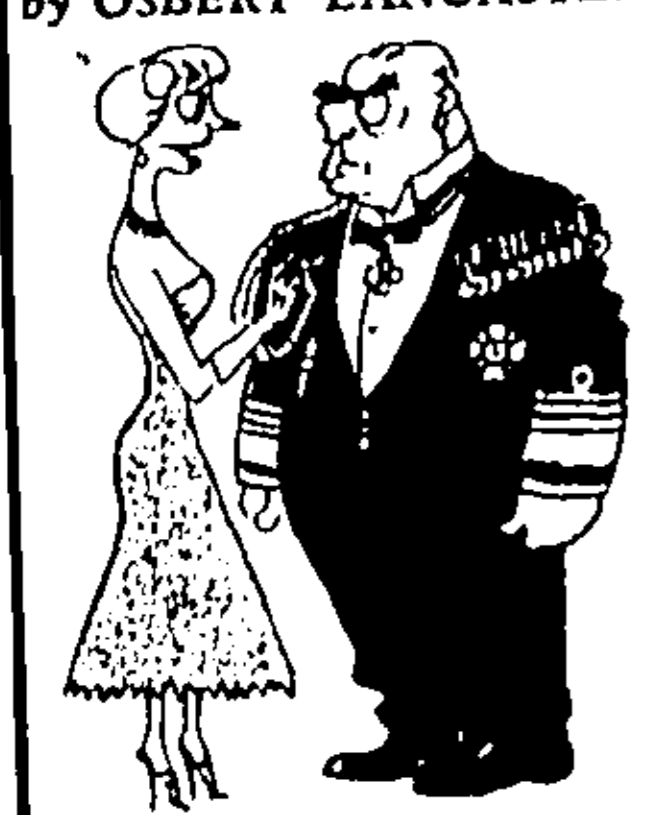
"It's the strain, it's—it's everything!" he sobbed. "Oh, how unthinkable!"

There was really very annoyed with Holmes; for, while we gathered around the weeping girl with words of comfort, he merely observed to Lestrade that presumably the dead man's body was inside. Turning his back on us, he strode into the house, whipping out a pocket lens as he did so.

After a decent interval, I hurried after him with Lestrade on my heels. Through a door on the left of a great dark hall, we caught a glimpse of a candle-lit room filled with half-withered flowers and of Holmes's long thin figure stooping over a white-shrouded form in the open coffin. The candle-light twinkled on his face as he bent down until his face was only a few inches above that of the dead man. There was a period of absolute stillness while he scrutinised the placid features beneath him. Then gently he pulled up the sheet and turned away.

Woe's corridors answered the Adventure of the Gold Hunter will certainly tomorrow.

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# NON-TRAINEES DO THEIR BEST AT COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "RECORDER"

The Fourth Colony Athletic Championships at Caroline Hill yesterday produced five Colony records and a full quota of improbable accomplishments. 2/Lt. Neville Hughes of the Welch Regiment, who as Sgt. Hughes last year set the Colony Javelin Throw record at 184 feet 2 inches, improved it to 187 feet 2½ inches, easily the best performance at the Championships.

Hughes' winning throw put him well up in the Empire rankings and his worst throw of the six he had went over 182 feet. He broke his old Colony record on four of his six throws and achieved his new mark on his third.

The curious fact is that it appears he has not thrown the Javelin since the Colony Championships last year. He was actually not throwing further than he was at last year's Championships, but he was throwing in almost a dead straight line. The flag denoting the old record was in an exact straight line, 104 feet 2 inches, from the approach run and the width of his six throws was not four feet away from the record flag.

Neville Hughes returned to the Colony only a few days ago. His entry for the Championships was submitted while he was still at sea. Though still at sea, he has not managed a competitive throw of more than 180 feet in his native Wales.

What it is about Hongkong that brings the best out of him, Neville Hughes cannot explain. On the eve of going to the Colony Championships he was the evening guest of the H.K.A.A.A. Coach, Mr. J.E.P. Blenkinsop, and it may be that the same type of confidence that Mr. Blenkinsop seems to put into Stephen Xavier has helped him to his present success.

Stephen Xavier yesterday won the 100 Metres in a modest 11.4 seconds, against a slight wind, and the 200 Metres in 23.0 seconds. This was far off his 10.9 and 21.9 seconds at the Inter-School finals on Friday, but Mr. Blenkinsop explains that he has given Xavier instructions not to exert himself more than was necessary for victory.

Xavier was to have run a 400-metre leg in a relay, but this did not materialise. He was being saved up for the defence of the H.K.A.A.C. relay titles, but there was a last-minute difficulty in raising H.K.A.A.C. teams and South China and Army are now in possession of the relay trophies.

However, everyone who saw Xavier's run over 200 Metres at the Inter-School finals is unanimous in concluding that it was a genuine performance and that there was no error in either timing or measurement. Reminiscences vary on how much Xavier won by from 15 metres.

Sgt. D. Brand beat a great field in the Hammer Throw with a new Colony record of 136 feet 9 inches. S/Sgt. Waite also heaved over 130 feet.

Lam Kak-lan, making her first appearance in competition this season, won the Ladies' 100 and 200 Metres. Slower than she has ever been, Kak-lan scored her first victories in great style against good opposition. She has been in competition since 1931.

The long jump and high jump events nullified any chances of Colony records and very nearly rocked the whole bone structure of the competitors out of their bodies.

The Army relay team broke one of the three records set up by the H.K.A.A.C. last year when they annexed the 1,000 Metres Relay in 3 minutes 30.8 seconds. It was thought that this record would stand as this year's Army quartet was quite definitely the weakest in four years and South China hadn't much to offer.

H. Medhurst of the Royal Navy won the One Mile Race Walk in impeccable style in 18 minutes 50 seconds to beat the best previous mark by more than 20 seconds. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton was disqualified after being well up in the early stages, but the award to him later of the Sir Gerard Howe Cup as the Athlete of the Year got a tremendous reception from the crowd at the prize-giving.

Fok Wing-shung, a keen little athlete who scored her first victory after nearly four years of competition yesterday, was awarded the Lady Howe Cup. It is not generally realised that she has run 100 Metres in 12.5 seconds and 200 Metres in 28.5 seconds, but in the highly competitive era of Hall, Hart, Hurlbutt and Lam Kak-lan she was generally about three yards behind in fifth place.

This did not stop her from competing and she invariably turned out for three events, occasionally finishing in the first place but never winning a prize.

**THE RESULTS**  
The results were:  
100 Metres: 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 11.4 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 11.8 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 12.5 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 13.2 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 14.1 sec.

200 Metres: 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 23.0 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 23.8 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 25.1 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 26.4 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 27.2 sec.

400 Metres: 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 58.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 59.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 60.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 61.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 62.9 sec.

800 Metres: 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 2:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 2:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 2:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 2:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 2:05.9 sec.

1,000 Metres Relay: 1. Army, 3:30.8 sec. (Record); 2. South China, 3:31.5 sec.; 3. H.K.A.A.C., 3:32.2 sec.; 4. Royal Navy, 3:33.9 sec.; 5. Royal Air Force, 3:34.6 sec.

1,500 Metres Relay: 1. Army, 5:12.1 sec. (Record); 2. South China, 5:13.4 sec.; 3. H.K.A.A.C., 5:14.7 sec.; 4. Royal Navy, 5:16.0 sec.; 5. Royal Air Force, 5:17.3 sec.

2,000 Metres Relay: 1. Army, 7:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. South China, 7:02.5 sec.; 3. H.K.A.A.C., 7:03.8 sec.; 4. Royal Navy, 7:05.1 sec.; 5. Royal Air Force, 7:06.4 sec.

2,500 Metres Relay: 1. Army, 9:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. South China, 9:02.5 sec.; 3. H.K.A.A.C., 9:03.8 sec.; 4. Royal Navy, 9:05.1 sec.; 5. Royal Air Force, 9:06.4 sec.

500 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 1:45.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 1:46.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 1:47.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 1:48.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 1:49.9 sec.

1,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 3:30.8 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 3:31.5 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 3:32.2 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 3:33.9 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 3:34.6 sec.

2,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 7:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 7:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 7:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 7:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 7:05.9 sec.

4,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 14:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 14:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 14:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 14:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 14:05.9 sec.

8,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 28:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 28:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 28:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 28:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 28:05.9 sec.

16,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 56:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 56:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 56:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 56:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 56:05.9 sec.

32,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 1:12:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 1:12:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 1:12:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 1:12:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 1:12:05.9 sec.

64,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 2:24:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 2:24:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 2:24:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 2:24:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 2:24:05.9 sec.

128,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 4:48:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 4:48:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 4:48:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 4:48:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 4:48:05.9 sec.

256,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 9:36:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 9:36:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 9:36:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 9:36:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 9:36:05.9 sec.

512,000 Metres Flat (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 19:12:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 19:12:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 19:12:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 19:12:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 19:12:05.9 sec.

1,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 4:15.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 4:16.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 4:17.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 4:18.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 4:19.9 sec.

2,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 8:30.8 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 8:31.5 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 8:32.2 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 8:33.9 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 8:34.6 sec.

4,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 16:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 16:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 16:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 16:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 16:05.9 sec.

8,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 32:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 32:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 32:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 32:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 32:05.9 sec.

16,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 64:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 64:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 64:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 64:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 64:05.9 sec.

32,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 128:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 128:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 128:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 128:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 128:05.9 sec.

64,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 256:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 256:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 256:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 256:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 256:05.9 sec.

128,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 512:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 512:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 512:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 512:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 512:05.9 sec.

256,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 1:024:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 1:024:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 1:024:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 1:024:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 1:024:05.9 sec.

512,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 2:048:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 2:048:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 2:048:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 2:048:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 2:048:05.9 sec.

1,024,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 4:096:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 4:096:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 4:096:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 4:096:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 4:096:05.9 sec.

2,048,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 8:192:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 8:192:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 8:192:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 8:192:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 8:192:05.9 sec.

4,096,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 16:384:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 16:384:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 16:384:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 16:384:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 16:384:05.9 sec.

8,192,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 32:768:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 32:768:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 32:768:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 32:768:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 32:768:05.9 sec.

16,384,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 65:536:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 65:536:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 65:536:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 65:536:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 65:536:05.9 sec.

32,768,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 131:072:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 131:072:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 131:072:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 131:072:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 131:072:05.9 sec.

65,536,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 262:144:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 262:144:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 262:144:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 262:144:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 262:144:05.9 sec.

131,072,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 524:288:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 524:288:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 524:288:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 524:288:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 524:288:05.9 sec.

262,144,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 1:048:576:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 1:048:576:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 1:048:576:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 1:048:576:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 1:048:576:05.9 sec.

524,288,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 2:097:952:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 2:097:952:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 2:097:952:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 2:097:952:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 2:097:952:05.9 sec.

1,048,576,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 4:195:904:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 4:195:904:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 4:195:904:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 4:195:904:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 4:195:904:05.9 sec.

2,097,952,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 8:391:808:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 8:391:808:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 8:391:808:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 8:391:808:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 8:391:808:05.9 sec.

4,195,904,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 16:783:712:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 16:783:712:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 16:783:712:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 16:783:712:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 16:783:712:05.9 sec.

8,391,808,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 33:567:424:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 33:567:424:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 33:567:424:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 33:567:424:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 33:567:424:05.9 sec.

16,783,712,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 67:134:848:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 67:134:848:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 67:134:848:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 67:134:848:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 67:134:848:05.9 sec.

33,567,424,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 134:269:696:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 134:269:696:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 134:269:696:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 134:269:696:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 134:269:696:05.9 sec.

67,134,848,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 268:539:392:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 268:539:392:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 268:539:392:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 268:539:392:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 268:539:392:05.9 sec.

134,269,696,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 537:078:784:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 537:078:784:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 537:078:784:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 537:078:784:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 537:078:784:05.9 sec.

268,539,392,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 1:074:157:568:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 1:074:157:568:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 1:074:157:568:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 1:074:157:568:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 1:074:157:568:05.9 sec.

537,078,784,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 2:148:315:136:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 2:148:315:136:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 2:148:315:136:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 2:148:315:136:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 2:148:315:136:05.9 sec.

1,074,157,568,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 4:296:630:272:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 4:296:630:272:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 4:296:630:272:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 4:296:630:272:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 4:296:630:272:05.9 sec.

2,148,315,136,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 8:593:260:544:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 8:593:260:544:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 8:593:260:544:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 8:593:260:544:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 8:593:260:544:05.9 sec.

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68,746,084,352,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 274:984:337:408:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 274:984:337:408:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 274:984:337:408:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 274:984:337:408:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 274:984:337:408:05.9 sec.

137,492,168,704,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 549:968:674:816:01.2 sec. (Record); 2. Lam Kak-lan (Army), 549:968:674:816:02.1 sec.; 3. Fok Wing-shung (Navy), 549:968:674:816:03.4 sec.; 4. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Army), 549:968:674:816:04.7 sec. (disqualified); 5. H. Medhurst (Royal Navy), 549:968:674:816:05.9 sec.

274,984,337,408,000 Metres Hurdles (men): 1. Stephen Xavier (Welch Regt.), 1:099:937:34

# HONGKONG TEAM MUCH TOO GOOD FOR MANILA

## —7-0 VICTORY

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Whatever dissatisfaction the Manila officials may have felt when they heard that Hongkong had selected a team that contained several up-and-coming youngsters to oppose them in the annual Interport game, there can surely be no doubt in their minds now as to the wisdom of the selection.

This Colony representative side was vastly superior in every department from goal to outside-left. This was never really a match in the accepted sense of the word. As soon as the strength of the opposition had been gauged, the locals took the opportunity of giving the crowd an exhibition of clever approach work based on overwhelming mid-field superiority... but as far as Manila was concerned it was a very good thing that the local forwards never really managed to finish off their work with the same decision as they built it up.

Manila was a very poor side and as they played on this occasion they would be soundly trounced by many of the club sides in the Colony. They lacked any fixed plan of campaign and the backs and the wing halves showed little idea of how to counter the fast and clever local wings... in fact only Dauden at right back showed any real sense of position.

### STARTED WELL

Centre-half and captain, Nieto started well enough but was far too easily enticed away from the middle of the field and there were often great gaps where he should have been. The team was generally unsound in its play and in its tactics, and on many occasions two and three forwards were caught off side when the forward pass was delayed too long as it very often was.

Play started on a fast note and for a short time the visitors looked as though they might make a fight of it, but with only six minutes gone the goal riot started with a real cracker-jack counter from Sing Tao's brilliant young Ho Cheung-yau who weaved his way through the defence to crash a fast rising shot into the net from 10 yards.

Just after this Manila very nearly got a goal when MacLaren misjudged a dash from his goal and failed to get the ball near the corner of the penalty area. Gonzales got the loose ball and drove it toward the goal but, with the goalkeeper still many yards out of his charge, Lau Yee, on his knees, cleared the ball off the goal line.

This spurred the locals to greater effort and they raced to the other end for Lo Keng-chuen to notch another goal after slipping cleverly through the defence.

Just after this Thomas ran onto a neat pass from Ho Cheung-yau and smashed a powerful right foot shot against the post, but a couple of minutes later Lo Keng-chuen made the total three with a fine effort.

Midway through the first half Kwong Wah's Lau Kai-chiu advanced the goal tally to four when he showed a lot of control in gently slipping the ball into the net wide of Llamas.

Left back Israel could make nothing of the home right wing triangle and in his tendency to wander upfield left Chu Wing-wah with far too much room in which to move about... and it was fortunate for the visitors that the little South China winger was not on the 'goal-standard'... in fact he wasted several good passes by sending the ball weakly behind.

Llamas made a couple of good saves from Tong Sheung but the defence as a whole never suggested that it was capable of countering the will of the local forward line.

### RIGHT INTO GEAR

Hongkong got right into gear as soon as the second half started, but it was not until 20 minutes had gone that they got another goal, and again it was Ho Cheung-yau who did the damage.

Ten minutes later Lo Keng-chuen made it a real goal day for the Sing Tao representatives when he got the sixth goal and at the same time completed his hat-trick.

With five minutes left for play Thomas scored the goal which got the biggest hand of the afternoon. Getting the ball out on the left touchline he moved inside, beating three men, and then from the corner of the penalty area he sent a high curling shot over the head of the luckless Llamas into the far corner of the net to bring the score up to a self explanatory 7-0.

For the locals MacLaren had a pleasant Sunday afternoon and if he had brought along his favourite book there would have been little to interrupt his concentration... Buckley and Lau Yee were seldom in the slightest trouble and so tight was the covering that even when they did have a moment of anxiety there was always assistance close at hand.

Little So Sau-ming had an excellent game at centre-half and on either side of him Fung and Tong Sheung bottled the Manila inside forwards out of the play.

Manila, who shared five of the Colony goals, were too fast and too clever for the Manila wing halves but in the second half it became just a bit too galling and on many occasions he was too slow to get through when a quick pass to his unmarked partner on the wing would have paid better dividends.

Chu Wing-wah was clever enough but he is still sending too many balls behind the goal. This was a little time to settle down, but once he did he looked a very good player indeed. Lau Kai-chiu was an energetic and unselfish leader who often had Nieto in trouble.

For Manila Llamas did very well in goal and had not a chance with the shots that beat him. Nieto never gave up trying and Alvarez covered a lot of ground without getting much reward for his work. Gonzales and Razon tried hard enough in the forward line but they lacked the basic ability to beat the home defence. The constant switching of positions did not help the side to settle down and in fact often it led only to team confusion.

VERDICT: This was really a one horse race, and the only bright spot is that the game served to show that there are several youngsters coming along and in their safe keeping our football will suffer no deterioration. It's a re-assuring thought.

### THE TEAMS

Manila: Llamas; Dauden, Israel; Garcia, Nieto, Alvarez; Gonzales, Heredia, Pucheco, Villareal, Razon.

All Hongkong: MacLaren (RAF); Buckley (Army); Lau Yee (South China); Chan Fung-hung (Kitchener); So Sau-ming (Kwong Wah); Tong Sheung (South China); Chu Wing-wah (South China); Lo Keng-chuen (Sing Tao); Lau Kai-chiu (Kwong Wah); Ho Cheung-yau (Sing Tao); Thomas (Army).

### R. NAVY O. EASTERN O

The Royal Navy forward line was all at sea in this First Division match played at Causeway Bay on Saturday. Partington and company should have had the points tucked away in their locker long before the end... and the fact that Eastern

slipped away with a share of the spoils was by way of being a spot of soccer pricy.

The standard of play from both sides was often disappointing but this was in part due to the high wind that blew down the pitch and made delicate ball control difficult and tip-tap passing impossible.

The Sailors certainly gave the ball plenty of boot but the Chinese boys never showed any appreciation of methods that would have overcome the elements... although there was a short spell late in the first half when they looked like taking control of the proceedings.

The fortunes of the game fluctuated regularly throughout but, on chances, the Royal Navy should have had the ball in the net on several occasions. Partington showed all his usual dash but his finishing was not on a par with some of his recent efforts, although only a couple of good saves by Yung Pui-chor prevented two of his better tries from counting.

Morrison had an inspired game in goal for the Sailors and it was due to his agility and anticipation that Eastern were denied a goal during their short period of superiority. This young man is a sound player whose work is never flashy and who gets on with the job of keeping his goal intact without employing any of the frills that one occasionally sees in this position.

The Royal Navy backs and halves turned in a workmanlike performance and it must have been disappointing to Latham and Wilson to see so many of their well directed movements fizzle out when they got to the forward line. Oldfield had a good game in the middle of the half-back line and he saw to it that little danger threatened down the centre of the field.

Eastern continue to be a sadly disappointing side. There is plenty of individual talent in the line-up but it seems that both team-spirit and enthusiasm are strangely lacking at present. On this showing only goalkeeper Yung Pui-chor, Fong Salchow and Tse Kin-ho are playing to form and it was certainly through no fault of this trio that Eastern did not snatch both points.

Both Sticks and Howson were unable to give off their best with the very few opportunities that came their way and Gonzalez at centre-forward did not have too happy an afternoon with her distributing passes.

England started well and for the first 10 minutes maintained continuous pressure in the Portuguese territory. Erratic passes and inability to combine, however, nullified all their scoring attempts and allowed Portugal to gradually assume control of the game.

After 17 minutes of play Portugal opened the scoring through Lily Collaco who snatched a centre, made her way into the 'D' and neatly puffed the ball into the net after drawing Reece out of her charge.

Slung by this reverse England swung back into the attack and were duly rewarded soon afterwards with their equalising goal. Following a short-corner Doreen Oozio mislaid the ball and Doris Barlen followed up by driving it hard past her.

The interval came after England had narrowly missed a chance of taking the lead when Lily Stokos made a good solo run into the 'D' only to see her partner drive crash into the side-board.

The final whistle came with Portugal the deserving winners by three goals to one.

### THE TEAMS

Portugal: Doreen Oozio; Ena Roza-Perreira, Elaine Souza; Nidia Oumund, Evelyn Alonso, Frisky Ferreira; Stella Correa; Lily Collaco, Margie Rozario, Irene Starkey, Rita Marques.

England: D. Reece; Joan Lambooy, Rosemary Road; Maunie Boies, Wilma Watson; Margo Blackinsop, Noelle James; Libby Stokes; Capt. Gerrard; Susanne Hewson; Doris Barlen.

## 400 METRES FINAL



L.A.V. Ford of the Welch Regiment winning the 400 Metres final at Caroline Hill yesterday in 54.1 seconds from 2/Lt. K. R. Hindell (27 HAA Regt. RA). Third, in 55.5 seconds, was J. P. MacMahon with Leung Kam-po of South China, expected to win, fourth—China Mail Photo.

# Braves Beat Pandas 12-4

By "SNOOPER"

An incredibly poor pitching show by Jackie Wei contributed to the downfall of the Pandas by an overwhelming 12-4 margin at King's Park yesterday. The Braves' batters, with the exception of first baseman Calau Yanovich, were exceptionally cool and hit Wei all over the field. At the close of play, the Braves had accumulated no fewer than 13 hits, the outstanding batter being right-fielder Buji Dhabher who had three hits in four times at bat, including a three-bagger.

First baseman Calau Yanovich, who has the best prospects of annexing the Senior "A" Batting Championship, was disappointing when he failed to gain a hit in two times at bat. Supporters of Pandas' shortstop Y. S. Liang, must have been delighted by his single hit to keep his hopes very much alive for the Batting Title race.

The other interesting feature of the encounter was the home run of shortstop Robert Nunes in the fifth inning.

The US Navy conceded a walkover to the Rexes while Mak Kwong's Chinese Athletic Association accounted for South China by 12-5 in the remaining Senior "A" fixture.

### EASY WAY

Bill Silva's Delawareans, in their bid for the Senior "B" Pennant, qualified for the final play-off against Bob Suman's Americans the easy way when Jimmy Herick's Pandas gave them a walkover. The Pandas were only able to field seven players at scheduled time. The deciding game will probably be played off on Sunday.

Energetic shortstop Irene Starkey of the Wahoes "A" was the outstanding performer with three hits in four when the Owls triumphed over Pearl Chan's Pandaretes by 12-7 in the Senior Ladies' Play-off game.

Features of the game were the home runs of Stella Correa in the second and Irene Starkey in the fifth. For the losers, Bonnie Chan was prominent with two hits in two. Winning pitcher was Doreen Oozio who deputised for Terry Noronha. South China annexed the Junior Ladies' Pennant with an 11-5 win over the Chinese Athletic Association. The Carolines, after taking a 9-3 lead, were never seriously threatened to win as they pleased. Successful batters were Ellie Balbida and L. C. Yim.

In the Junior League, the Rookies were knocked right out of their stride by the Chinese Athletic Association first stringers who won without difficulty by 12-2. By virtue of this lop-sided victory, the CAA ballplayers have assured themselves of the League title.

The Pandas scored a well-deserved win over the 25 Gunners. No fewer than 14 runs were registered in the first inning and at the close of play the Pandas established a record-breaking score of 35-2 to hand the soldiers their worst setback of their softball career.

HOW THEY STAND

Following are the up-to-date standings:

Senior "A"	P	W	L	Avg.
Saints	13	11	2	.846
CAA	13	9	4	.692
Braves	12	8	4	.666
Pandas	12	7	5	.583
Warriors	13	5	8	.384
US Navy	14	5	9	.357
SCAA	11	3	8	.272
Rexes	12	2	10	.166

Senior "B"	P	W	L	Avg.
Americans	1	1	0	1.000
Delawareans	1	1	0	1.000
Pandas	2	0	2	.000

Junior League	P	W	L	Avg.
CAA (1)	15	14	1	.933
Pandas	16	14	2	.875
PI Dodgers	16	10	6	.625
Comets	14	7	7	.500
Maumaus	14	7	7	.500
CAA (2)	14	4	10	.285
25 Gunners	13	3	10	.230
Cubs	15	3	12	.200
Rookies	14	2	12	.142

Ladies' League	P	W	L	Avg.
Colleens	4	4	0	1.000
Wahoes "A"	3	1	2	.333
Pandas	3	0	3	.000

Junior	P	W	L	Avg.
South China	3	3	0	1.000
CAA	3	1	2	.333
Wahoes "B"	4	1	3	.250

## Pakistan Sending 16 To Asian Games

Karachi, Mar. 21. Pakistan will be represented by a team of 16 at the Asian Games, starting in Manila on May 1, the Pakistan Olympic Association announced today.

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## KEN SMITH Show Talking

# Olivia de Havilland Is Stepping Out For An Oscar Hat-Trick

London. A girl who regularly reads the *Wall Street Journal*, who planned to be a school teacher but went on to win two Hollywood "Oscars," is coming to Britain.

Olivia de Havilland is the latest Hollywood star to sign for a British film in colour—her first over here. Adapted from the Kate O'Brien novel, *That Lady*, it will have Olivia as a Spanish princess at the time of the Armada. Still to be cast is King Philip, husband of England's Mary Tudor, who falls in love with Princess Olivia in the picture.

At present in Paris, Olivia de Havilland has more than two "Oscars" in her baggage. She has charm which doesn't appear to be put on in the morning and scraped off at night.

But "Livvie" admits herself to being stubborn and quick tempered.

When I was with her in London last year she took 15 minutes to make up her mind to order a salad and a glass of milk.

Earlier this year Columbia wanted her to take over the Rita Hayworth role in the screen version of Emilio Zola's classic, *The Human Beast*. She presented the studios with a list of five men she deemed "suitable" to be her leading man. They were Marlon Brando, Robert Mitchum, Kirk Douglas, Burt Lancaster and Montgomery Clift.

Nemo was available, so Miss de Havilland bowed out, I hope she does not make the same kind of stipulation this time.

But then the star, who was born in Tokyo of English parents and is now a naturalised American, has long been the subject of much psycho-analysis among her friends and acquaintances.

### BITTER FEUD

Some provocative facts are known. She has been engaged in a long, bitter, on-and-off feud with her one-year-younger sister, Joan Fontaine. But no one has figured out why.

Standing 5ft. 4in. (weight 8 stone), she has reddish-brown hair, brown eyes.

## Zatopek Wins Paris Race

Paris, Mar. 21. Emil Zatopek, the Czech Olympic triple champion, today won a cross-country race near Paris organised by the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite".

Zatopek ran the 10-kilometres distance in 30 minutes 40 seconds, followed by Poland's Jerzy Chromik who came in second in 31 minutes 20 seconds. The Soviet Union's Vladimir Kuts was third in 31 minutes 34 seconds.

Kuts took the lead from the start, but after the first 1,000 metres the Czech "locomotive" moved up level with the Russian from third place.

The race from then on was a match between these two champions who had rapidly out-distanced all the other competitors. After several sprints and hard going on the upward grade of the track, Zatopek managed to leave Kuts behind and was leading by five seconds at the end of 5,000 metres.

He finished 52 seconds ahead of Chromik and exactly one minute ahead of Kuts.

Zatopek, grimacing even more than usual, pushed Kuts to the end of his endurance in the last 1,000 metres so that the Soviet runner was beaten out of second place.

Zatopek's running was that of the champion he is. Earlier he said that he was not at the top of his form.

There was, however, no question in the crowd's mind that he had run a great race and as he pounded past packed stands, more than 2,000 spectators rose to cheer him and then ran out on to the course to give him a champion's ovation—France-Press.

## KGV OLD BOYS BEAT SCHOOL

Present pupils of King George V School met the Old Boys in their second rugged match of the season yesterday, in an endeavour to avenge their defeat of last month when they were beaten 6-pts to nil.

At Happy Valley, the school were still unable to cope with the "Old Boys" attack and the number of 100 was not

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NINTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 20th March & Saturday 27th March, 1954. (To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club) THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 19 RACES. The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. each day. The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. each day.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

THE 1954 SETS OF MEMBERS BADGES AND LADY'S BROOCHES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1954. THE 1953 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Timings will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

## SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

## CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$38.00. Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets. The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription, also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 2nd Day (27th March) at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on that day.

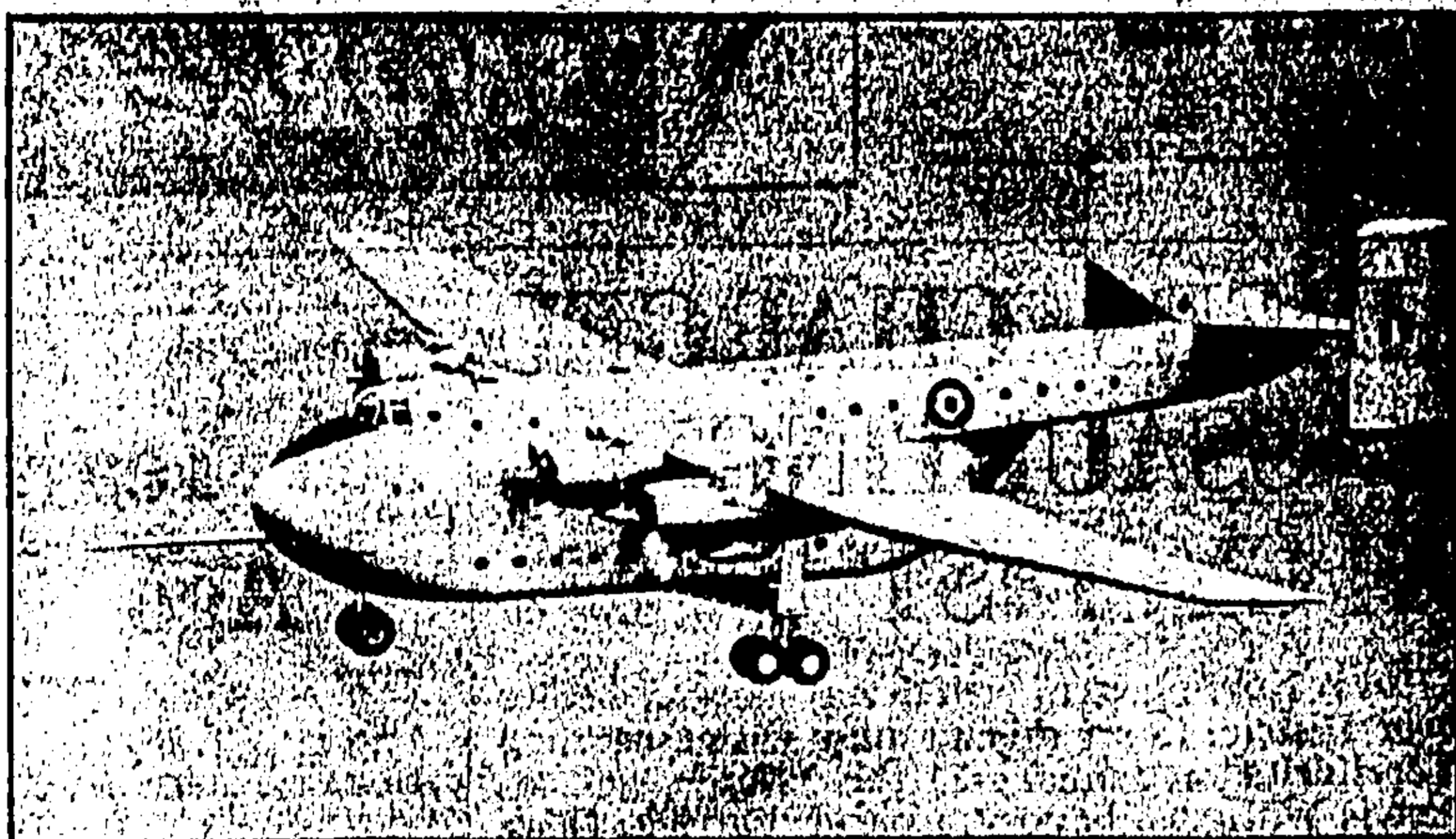
Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th May, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00.

## TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all-clear" signal has been exhibited.



## Britain's New Air Freighter



This is a recent picture of the new Blackburn Beverley freighter—the R.A.F.'s largest transport plane. It is powered by four Bristol Centaurus engines and is the first British plane designed for dropping heavy army equipment. The plane can be used for carrying fully-equipped troops, paratroops or stretcher cases in any part of the world and it can operate without the use of prepared runways. (See story below).

## Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain

## The "Mirror Guide" Will Help Fighter Pilots To Land Jets On Carrier Decks

This week's round-up of aviation news from London tells you of a new device developed by Fleet Air Arm "Bollins" to help pilots of jet fighters land safely on the decks of aircraft carriers. A new British freight plane has caught the eye of Australian Civil Aviation officials in London for use in the "outhack" in estimating it can carry 22 tons of live cattle, meat animals, heavy machinery, trucks and general cargo. This round-up, a weekly "China Mail" feature, also brings you other items of interest from the aviation world of Britain and the Commonwealth.

Looking in a mirror will help pilots to land supersonic jet planes on aircraft carriers in the future. For the Admiralty have announced the invention of the "mirror guide" have been guided by hand signals, but supersonic planes will approach the deck so fast that there will not be time to make signals and for the pilots to respond to them. The new system works by night as well as by day and the first night landings with it will be made by two pilots who had never before deck-landed at night.

The mirror is curved and is aimed at slightly above the horizon. A gyroscope keeps its aim true irrespective of the movement of the ship.

**Blob of Light**  
A line of coloured lights runs out on either side of the mirror and a group of white lights is focused on the mirror from the front, making a blob of light which is watched by the pilot as he approached.

If the blob seen from the plane remains in line with the coloured light the pilot knows he is coming down a right angle.

In the pilot's cockpit coloured light indicators connected to his air speed indicator tell him if he is flying too slow, too fast or just right.

Ultimately the device is expected to be fitted to all carriers and at naval air stations.

★ ★ ★  
Australian Government officials in Britain are impressed with the possibilities of a new 61-ton British all purpose air freight plane for use in Australia.

Australian air force and civil aviation officials saw the military version of the Blackburn Beverley, four engine, box-like aircraft demonstrated at Blackbushe airport last week.

The Blackburn Beverley can carry up to 22 tons of live cattle, meat animals, heavy machinery, trucks and general cargo.

Because it can land on short stretches of grass or desert tarmac, Blackburn and General Aircraft Limited believe it is the answer for little developed territories, instead of building roads and airways.

It is readily adaptable for defence needs to carry heavy tanks, artillery or paratroops. Air Officer commanding the Royal Australian Air Force, London, Wing Commander Charlesworth, said the plane had "definite possibilities for Australian defence needs."

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**Officials Impressed**  
Australian Civil Aviation Supply Ministry also were impressed with the capabilities of the aircraft though the economies of its use in Australia had yet to be looked into. These officials will report to the Australian Government on the plane's capabilities.

Main cargo hold of the Blackburn Beverley is 40 feet long, 10 feet high and 10 feet wide. It can take a maximum load of 22 tons 200 miles but can double this distance with 10 tons. It can fly 1,100 miles at the load is reduced to 10 tons. It can take off in 810 yards. By reversing the propellers on touch down it can

land in little more than 300 yards. The manufacturers claim low operating costs of only 10 pence per ton mile.

Twenty costing £750,000 are on order for the Royal Air Force which will probably use them in the Middle and Far East.

★ ★ ★  
First off the production line is expected to be delivered to the Royal Air Force next January.

★ ★ ★  
One of the very oldest of industrial processes has been revived for aircraft work with the use of "barrelling" for aircraft parts—rotating them in a barrel to give a smooth finish and "knock off the corners".

Various forms of barrelling have been used in other industries—for instance, in the production of ball-bearings—but to get the extremely accurate finish required for aircraft parts, manufacturers in the past have insisted on hand-finishing each part individually.

Now it has been found possible to get excellent results by barrelling such parts as structural members for jet engines and turbine blades for engines. Aircraft constructors have been able to get surface-finishes as fine as 7 to 10 micro-inches as a matter of routine. The switch-over to this old process has produced remarkable savings in cost, time and manpower.

★ ★ ★  
**Rolling the Barrel**  
The technique is to put the rough-finished parts into an octagonal barrel lined with rubber cushioning. Inside the barrel is a solution of processing chips and special compounds.

The difference between this and earlier methods is that the parts do not impinge on one another—the finish results from contact with the processing chips.

By varying the speed at which the barrel turns, the type of processing chips and the compound, it is possible to get results varying from a harsh cutting down to a very fine finish. Large parts up to 30 inches long are held in the barrel in clamps.

Large size barrels now in use at aircraft factories in Britain can handle up to 500 lb. of parts at a time. At one factory, two barrels turning day and night process on an average some 2,500 parts of all shapes and sizes in a week.

★ ★ ★  
Special test houses and research centres have been installed at several British aircraft factories for work on guided missiles and their equipment. These ground tests are complementary to the actual air tests of missiles which take place at the Aberforth range on the coast of Wales, and at the Woomera range, Australia.

Among the test centres which can be described is a wind tunnel for testing models of missiles at speeds of up to Mach 3.5 (three and a half times the speed of sound) which has been built at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

Most of the major British aero-engine companies have built special test chambers for work on power plants for missiles—in particular, ram-jets and rocket motors.

Other aircraft companies are using existing test facilities for missile work—an example is the high altitude "stratosphere" chamber at Vickers' Weybridge factory where guided missile structures and equipment can be ground tested at equivalent heights of up to 80,000 ft. and temperatures down to -65 degrees C.

The wind tunnel at Bristol, built by the company's guided weapons department, is the largest privately-owned supersonic tunnel in Great Britain. It is designed for testing missiles over a speed range from Mach 1.75 to Mach 3.5, and new facilities are being installed to adapt the tunnel for transonic speeds as well, between Mach 0.9 and Mach 1.5.

The tunnel is unusual in design because it uses heated air as the working fluid in which the models are tested. The designers decided upon hot air because large quantities were available from a nearby test house where turboprop engines are run continuously on test.

By passing this heated air from the engine test house to the tunnel the designers did not have to install the special cooling and drying equipment which would have been necessary in a conventional design. This meant a considerable saving in cost.

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**'The Big Flask'**  
The scale models of missiles which are tested in the tunnel are built of high-grade tensile steel, carefully hand-finished to a tolerance of more than one thousandth of an inch.

The high-altitude stratosphere chamber at Weybridge is a huge "flask," internally some 50ft long and 25ft in diameter. It is constructed of ½-inch steel plates and the pressure and density inside is reduced to equivalent stratospheric values by a powerful vacuum pump.

The great door into the chamber is opened by the movement of a 40-ton hydraulic jack.

The entire structure is enclosed in a steel-framed shed, the walls and roof of which are covered with a twelve-inch layer of insulating material.

The chamber is mounted on steel rollers to allow for expansion or contraction with changes in temperature.

The chamber is sometimes called "the big flask" because of the enormous quantity of methanol fluid which is pumped round it through coolers by the refrigeration plant. This is circulated at the rate of 20,000 gallons an hour, cooling the chamber to -55 degrees C. It takes about 30 hours to cool the chamber to this temperature.

Designers use this great chamber for testing guided missile structures, control surfaces and systems and items of electronic equipment, through simulated "climbs" to high altitudes, and "descent" back to lower levels and normal temperatures. The flow of air through the chamber can be circulated at speeds of up to about 70 mph. Operators working in and around the tunnel wear diving suits and diving boots when "wet" work is in progress.

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**SUBSTANCE FOR SHADOW**  
"We must be careful therefore not to lose substance for shadow," Sir Dennis says. There would be some danger of their doing that if substantial rights of the conversion of their pounds into dollars were to be extended forthwith to the "general body of foreigners."

He points out that West European countries already enjoy a high degree of mutual convertibility of their currencies through the mechanism of the European Payments Union. Hand in hand with this there has been relaxation of restrictions over a wide area of their multilateral trade.

In these circumstances, Sir Dennis argues, if Britain "were to give facilities to her partners in the E. P. U. to turn pounds into dollars, she would set on foot a general movement back to restrictions both on their part and on her own."

For this would have a direct influence on the world's supply of sterling, by restricting their imports from her and the might well find themselves constrained to try to prevent them from doing this and thus to conserve her supply of dollars by restricting her imports from them.

"Further while as a consequence of change they might find themselves able to relax their restrictions on the import of goods from the dollar area she might well find herself constrained to intensify hers to a roughly corresponding degree."

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**"RATHER LAZY"**  
Sir Dennis concedes that the present system of intra-European trade has been of "rather a lazy kind" and that there is a certain risk of European countries "developing into a lot of old flowerwomen each pestering others to buy their violets and all finding themselves without the means to buy their daily bread."

## Bank's Decision Explained:

## "A More Devious Route To Convertibility"

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 21.

A further step towards restoration of Sterling as a truly international currency was announced this weekend.

The effect of the change will be to group virtually all countries that are not at present members of either the sterling or dollar areas into what is known as the "Transferable Account Area."

Exceptions "for the time being" are Persia, Turkey and Hungary.

This will give all countries outside the sterling and dollar areas freedom to use sterling in trade with third countries. Until now certain countries could do this only with the express permission of British monetary authorities.

The Transferable Account Area as previously constituted included most of the West European countries and their monetary areas and certain others like Soviet Russia, Poland, Egypt, and Ethiopia.

These countries have had the right to use sterling in trade among themselves or with any member of the sterling area without prior permission.

But there were a number of other countries including those in the Belgian monetary area, Argentina, Brazil and Japan for whom the right to transfer sterling was restricted to payments within their own country or monetary area.

If they wished to pay in sterling for imports from any other country apart from these in the Sterling Area they had to obtain British permission.

These countries have now been given the same rights in the use of sterling as these already enjoyed by members of the Transferable Account Area.

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**GRADUAL PROCESS**  
Moreover all countries in this group will be allowed in future to use sterling to settle payments among themselves on capital as well as on current account. This step is one more indication of the determination of the British authorities to press on to the ultimate goal—multilateral trade and payments—but the process will be gradual.

A good deal has happened behind the scenes since the end of 1952 when the Commonwealth Prime Ministers first hatched their "plan" for Sterling convertibility.

That plan received a cool reception from the Americans—on whose advice co-operation it depended—and a frankly hostile one from Britain's West European partners.

The Sterling Area has therefore been compelled to make an advance towards convertibility by easier stages than was at first intended. The objective remains the same but the route will be somewhat more devious.

Arguments in favour of a gradual approach to fully convertible currencies are expertly paraded in an article by Sir Dennis Robertson in the current issue of "Optima," the quarterly review of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa.

Sir Dennis, Professor of Political Economy at Cambridge University and a former adviser to the British Treasury stresses a fact that is often overlooked in discussions on the "pros and cons" of convertibility—that freedom to exchange one kind of currency for another is not an end in itself but the means to "the promotion of a steady and abundant flow of international trade intercourse and investment."

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**Singapore Rubber Market**  
Singapore, Mar. 21.  
Future closings at the end of the week were:

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May	54½-55½
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June	54½-55½
No. 3 "	April 54½-55½
May	54½-55½
June	54½-55½
Blanket crepe	50½-51½
No. 1 pale crepe	51½-52½

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**Exchange Rates**  
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	5.70
Sterling note (per £1)	100.00
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	31.10
Singapore dollar (per 100)	22.20
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**London Foreign Exchange**  
London, Mar. 21.  
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**US Cotton Market**  
New York, Mar. 21.  
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Britain	23,468
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## Retrenchments Of US Labour Higher

New York, Mar. 21.  
The Democratic National Chairman Mr. Stephen A. Mitchell said tonight labour lay-offs in the first week of March were higher than any week since World War II and challenged President Eisenhower to take action to halt recession.

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**HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE**  
(From Our Correspondent)  
Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$432,825.50. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
BANKS	
HK Bank	1005 1700 2 2 1005
East Asia	170 20 2 1005

INSURANCES	
Union	800 2 2 800
Underwriters	800 2 2 800

SHIPPING	
Asia Nav	120 2 2 120

DOCKERS, ETC.	
K. Wharf Ltd	215 200 2 200
Dock	215 200 2 200

LAND, ETC.	
HK Hotel	9.10 9.35 500 2 500
HK Land	50 100 2 50

UTILITIES	
Tram XD	20 100 2 100
C. Light (C) 101	100 100 2 100

C. Light (N) 101	100 100 2 100
Electric XD	31 32 200 2 200
Telephone	29.20 500 2 500

INDUSTRIALS	
Cement XD	17.00 16.30 100 2 100
Stores, ETC.	

DAIRY	
27.70 27.00 1500 2 1500	
20.00 27.70 200 2 200	
Watson	18.30 100 2 100

MISCELLANEOUS	
Yamul	130 140
Allied	4.03 4.07 1000 2 407 1/2

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The advance of gilt-edged prices—though mainly due to this stimulus—was also helped by the latest Exchequer returns and continued re-investment of £72 million paid out a fortnight ago on maturing war bonds.

The Financial Times index of Government Securities rose from 101.12 last Friday to 101.37 on Wednesday, the day before the weekly bank rate statement was due. Tension mounted in the Exchange on Thursday as the hour for the posting of the statement drew near. But hopes of a reduction were again disappointed and gilt-edged prices slipped back in much quieter conditions.

Industrial shares were also firm until Thursday when fears of labour trouble following the engineering and shipbuilding workers' rejection of the employers' wage offer caused the market to hesitate.

The Financial Times index which had risen from 186.9 last Friday to 137.6 on Wednesday fell back to 137.1.

The markets meanwhile continue to draw encouragement from almost daily announcements of increased dividends. In the insurance group, Prudential have declared dividends of 22/6 against last year's 21/- on the £1 "A" shares and 2/6 against 2/- on the £1 "B" shares (4/- paid) both free of income tax. On this surprise news "A" shares jumped 11/3 to £38 and "B" shares rose 6/- to 101/8.

Elsewhere, oils advanced under the lead of Royal Dutch which surged ahead on the news of the company's decision to apply for listing on the New York Exchange. Shares were quoted on Friday at £42-10-8, a rise of £2-3-9 on the week.

Rubber and tea shares were quietly firm.

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**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET**  
New York, Mar. 21.  
Stock prices again passed the levels of 1931, in the industrial average in moderately active trading on the New York Stock Exchange last week.

Utilities were at their best since Sept. 2, 1931, and the general average which dates back to Nov. 9, 1933, set a new all-time high. Rails, again behind the rest of the market, gained slightly to reach the highest point for about two weeks.

Sales for the week totalled 8,034,395 shares, averaging 1,768,800 shares daily, against 5,197,485 shares of 1,359,497 shares daily in the previous week.

The reduction in volume reflected a shrinkage that accompanied reactionary tendencies early in the week. Wall Street said this was highly favourable in that it indicated a lack of liquidation overhanging the market.

The thing that touched off the rise was a cut in interest rates by commercial banks on commercial loans. This immediately sent bonds soaring to levels where they no longer were competition with the higher yielding stock market.

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**FAVOURABLE NEWS**  
Another factor helping the list was the House passage of the Administration tax bill which provides relief on double dividend taxation.

Another aid for the rising tendency was a jump in the short interest to a new high since May 4, 1932.

The week's corporation news generally was regarded favourably. It included several sharp gains in corporation earnings, favourable future predictions by corporation heads, and some merger plans along with several helpful dividend declarations.

The oil companies continued to report higher earnings which sent their stocks higher all around. The aircraft had the same kind of incentive.

Utilities had their strong and active spots. Steels, motors, and chemicals shared in the activity. There were members of industrial strong spots in the various classifications as well as a long list of higher prices for special issues.—United Press.

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**Bank Of England Statement**  
London, Mar. 21.  
The Bank of England statement for the week ended March 17, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	£1,111,233
Public deposits	£1,111,233
Private deposits	£1,111,233
Other securities	£1,111,233
Reserve funds	£1,111,233

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**SHIP FOR SALE**  
The following advertisement has appeared in United Kingdom papers:—  
**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION**

1. The Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation invites offers for the purchase from him of the undermentioned ship, "as lying" at Hong Kong after removal of certain Naval equipment and stores. If purchased for scrap, certain other equipment must be made a part of the sale and will be removed before delivery to purchaser.

2. Offers for this ship will be considered on any paper and should be made a writing to the Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Room 4017, Berkeley Square House, London, W.1. Envelopes should be clearly marked "offer to purchase" and should reach the Ministry on or before 10th April, 1954.

3. "MAINE" R.N. Hospital Ship of about 7515 G.R.T. 4205 N.R.T. Length 429.5. Breadth 62.2. Built 1925. Annals, San Giorgio, Engineer by Annals, Sampierdarena. 8 steam turbines D.R. geared to 2 shafts, 4 water-tube boilers and 2 single boilers. H.P. 5500. Max. Sengaling speed 18 knots.

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# CHINA MAIL

**Sheaffer**  
**"SNORKEL"**

Page 10 MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1954.

## McCarthy Wants Lie Detectors At Public Inquiry

Washington, Mar. 21. Senator Joseph McCarthy proposed today that he and all other witnesses submit to lie detector tests during the Senate investigating subcommittee's inquiry into his angry row with the Army.

Sen. McCarthy said he has complete faith in the scientific accuracy of lie detector tests and will recommend that they be used in the investigation when the subcommittee meets on Tuesday to make final plans for the inquiry.

"The American public is entitled to the truth in the matters we are about to investigate," McCarthy told reporters as he returned to Washington from a four-day speaking tour.

He repeated his charges that the Army tried to "blackmail" him and Mr. Roy M. Cohn, chief counsel for the subcommittee, into calling off the inquiry into the alleged "red-baiting" of Reds by the Army.

"The truth in this case is the important thing," he said. "Any attempt to blackmail a committee out of revealing the truth about Communism certainly is more important than any murder case, which, as a judge, I ever tried."

He said he used the lie detector while serving as a judge in Wisconsin, and "I had then and still have complete confidence in this scientific instrument when it is operated properly."

**BEST OPERATOR**

"I plan," he said, "to recommend to the permanent subcommittee on investigations when it meets on Tuesday that it ask all witnesses who may have any knowledge in this case, including myself, whether they would be willing to submit to a scientific lie detector test."

"If they are willing—and I hope they will be—then we should get the best operator of this scientific device known to our intelligence agencies. This is, of course, only a suggestion on my part, and it is up to the full subcommittee to determine whether this is proper procedure."

Sen. McCarthy noted, however, that "such an examination would be possible only if it is entirely voluntary on the part of all witnesses. Otherwise, it would be a violation of their fifth amendment privileges against self-incrimination."

**NOT UNTIL APRIL**

Washington, Mar. 21. Sen. Karl E. Mundt said today the Senate permanent investigating subcommittee may ask its "special" counsel whether Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy should take part in the investigation of the McCarthy-Army feud.

Sen. John L. McClellan (Arkansas), senior subcommittee Democrat, said in the meantime that public hearings on the controversy probably cannot start until early April, because it will take that long for the new counsel to acquaint himself with the facts.

Sen. McClellan also said the subcommittee "has no jurisdiction to investigate the press" although there is "nothing to stop" Sen. McCarthy from acting on his own. Sen. McCarthy said he would issue a report on the Communist effort to infiltrate the press, radio and television.

Sen. Mundt, selected to head the inquiry into the row between Sen. McCarthy and the Army, told a reporter that the "nationally-known lawyer" tentatively selected as counsel for the investigation has not yet formally accepted the post.

He said the name will be made public soon after his acceptance is received, however. The subcommittee will act on the choice at a secret meeting on Tuesday if the acceptance is expected, Sen. Mundt said.

**EXCLUSION QUESTION**

A reporter asked Sen. Mundt if he favored a proposal by Sen. Stuart Symington, a subcommittee member, that Sen. McCarthy be excluded from the inquiry into Sen. McCarthy's controversy with the Army over treatment accorded a drafted McCarthy aide.

Sen. Mundt replied that he "wants to discuss the rules" for the inquiry, discussed at next Tuesday's meeting but that he doesn't want a final decision on them until the special counsel has been selected.

Sen. Mundt then was asked if the counsel would be consulted about the propriety of having Sen. McCarthy participate in an investigation involving himself. The Senator said the counsel was being employed for "con-

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yes, I talked him out of buying a motorcycle once—but I can't convince him he might get hurt marrying at 18!"

## Bankruptcy Court Clerk On Trial

Allegations that the accused, a clerk in the Bankruptcy Office, sent a letter to an undischarged bankrupt who had surreptitiously started another business, which by innuendo was a "demand for money, or else..." were made by Crown Counsel, Mr. D. F. O'Reilly Mayne at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

On trial before Mr. Justice C. W. Rees and a Jury of five men and a woman, was Ng Chuk-ming, 48, Clerk I, of the Official Receiver's Office, Supreme Court Building. He is charged with having uttered a letter on July 2 last year demanding money with menaces from Wong Chau, the bankrupt. Ng is being defended by Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. Charles Vining.

Outlining the evidence upon which the prosecution relied, Mr. Mayne said that the accused at the time of the alleged offence was a clerk in the Bankruptcy Office and had been there for many years. The complainant, Wong Chau, was declared a bankrupt on April 5, 1942 and on a number of occasions after that, he had had interviews and meetings with the officials in the Bankruptcy Office, including the accused.

About a month after being declared bankrupt, the complainant started a new business under another name, continued Crown Counsel. In doing that Wong was committing an offence under the Bankruptcy Ordinance. In fact he had been since prosecuted and was undergoing sentence at the present time.

Mr. Mayne went on to say that on June 21 last year an employee of the complainant, Lau Kwok-ching had an interview with the accused and told the accused about the new business. Almost immediately after, the accused got in touch with the complainant through telephone conversations and the two men had a few meetings. In the course of these meetings, the accused, asked Wong Chau for a loan of money, saying he was in bad circumstances and needed money quickly.

**WRITES LETTER**

"You may wonder at this man doing this for the evidence will show that apart from the casual business meetings which took place in this office, there was no friendship of any kind which would ordinarily have led the accused to suppose he would be able to get a loan of money from Wong Chau who was bankrupt," remarked Crown Counsel.

On July 2 last year the accused wrote a letter to the bankrupt in which the Prosecution alleged there was a demand for money with menaces, he said. This letter was the whole substance of the case and the Jury would have to consider it and decide whether, in the circumstances in which it was sent, and the words which were used, it amounted to a demand with menaces.

Mr. Mayne read the letter to the Jury. It accused Wong Chau of deceit and stated that it was known that he had started a business. It complained that the request for a loan had been ignored by Wong Chau.

He pressed for a reply. It also stated that even if the business were to be removed to another address it would be traced before long.

Mr. Mayne submitted that the only possible construction of that letter was a demand for money and a threat that if the money was not forthcoming then Wong Chau's nefarious activities would be disclosed and he would be punished.

As to the ingredients of the charge, Mr. Mayne told the Jury that they would have to be satisfied that there had been an uttering of the letter by the accused. This, he submitted, would be established by expert evidence as to the handwriting and by evidence that the letter was received through the Post by Wong Chau.

**"MONEY OR ELSE"**

The Jury would also have no doubt that the letter constituted a demand; that however much certain words might appear to be a request they were more than a request and were a "demand for money or else..." said Mr. Mayne.

He submitted that there was no doubt also that there were menaces and very severe menaces contained in the letter by innuendo because an undischarged bankrupt, who acted as Wong Chau did, was not only in danger of losing a great deal of money, but also in danger of going to gaol and if there were threats of a disclosure to any one he would certainly be put in fear of what was going to happen to him.

There was no reasonable or probable cause why Wong Chau should pay money to the accused, said Mr. Mayne, for there was no genuine claim for money.

Concluding his opening address, Mr. Mayne warned the Jury that it might appear to them that Wong Chau was a blackguard and that he was doing what he should never have done and therefore deserved in a way, what he got. But that was not a relevant matter. The only relevant matter was whether the accused was guilty of the offence with which he was charged.

The trial is continuing.

**DIEN BIEN PHU RIDDLE**

(Continued from Page 1)

said that 100 B-26 bombers would have been required for the battle of Dien Bien Phu and that the French were still very short of this figure. Despite the fact that the French had been sent from Manila and Japan, if the French had 100 bombers the battle of Dien Bien Phu would already have been over and General Glap's Vietnamese troops would have been broken up, they said.

## FOUR SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING TAXI-CYCLIST

Four soldiers of the Royal Norfolk Regiment were charged before Mr Justice Wicks at Victoria District Court this morning with assaulting a taxi-cyclist in the New Territories on January 11th year.

They were Private Lewis Williams, Lance-Corporal Patrick Giles, Private Alfred George Swallow and Private Charles Pollard, all stationed at Lowu Camp in the Sheung Shui area, and are charged with assaulting with intent to rob a taxi-cyclist called Chan Wing-hing. There is an alternative charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Mr T. Shurlock appears for the first and second accused, and Mr A. S. C. Comber for the other two, all instructed by Major Williams. Mr Dermot Rea appears for the Prosecution.

Opening his case Mr Rea said that at about 10.30 p.m. on January 11 the complainant was cycling along the road towards a bailey bridge near Hui Tung House in the Sheung Shui area. He had \$2.20 in his pocket, and as he approached the bridge he noticed four European soldiers squatting at the roadside. As he drew level one tried to grab him, and he fell off his bicycle. He tried to escape by running into a nearby field, but the four chased and caught him. One pushed his face into the soil and two others punched him.

In the course of the struggle the complainant felt hands in his pocket. He cried for help and fairly soon he heard a vehicle approaching. The soldiers ran away towards the road.

The vehicle was a police car followed by a police motor cycle. Complainant told his story, and saw Sergeant Tang Wing approach with the third accused, whom he identified. He was then taken to Tai Po Dispensary and thence to Kowloon Hospital.

**IDENTIFIED**

Mr Rea went on to say that the complainant identified the four accused at a subsequent identification parade.

He said Sergeant Tang Wing was giving evidence of seeing three men running across the road, and chasing them. He could not, however, catch them, and then saw a fourth man hiding by the road, whom he arrested.

The third accused, Mr Rea said, was taken to Sheung Shui Police Station where he was handed over to Sub-Inspector Chan Wai-man. This same Sub-Inspector was present at the Camp when a 2/Lt Craig saw the first, second and fourth accused, whose clothes were muddy. Second accused's hands were cut and the fourth had a bruised knuckle.

Evidence would also be given, Mr Rea said, by another soldier who left the Camp by the back way with the four accused, and who would testify that they all went for a walk and stopped by the bailey bridge for a talk. One of them said that bicycle was approaching and all four ran after it. He himself ran back to the Camp.

The case is proceeding.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**A Long Runway Still Needed**

Sir,—I noted with interest in your paper last week an Editorial concerning the possibility of commercial airlines of the future being designed for vertical take off. It must be appreciated that such a development will have important bearing on the planning of the extension of Kai Tak Airport but there are two points which I should like to point out.

Firstly, the development of vertical take off was a result of the necessity of modern defensive interceptor aircraft to meet supersonic enemy bombers as soon as they are spotted. It is a general opinion that a fighter can get off the ground faster if vertical take offs are possible. Besides this I don't think there is much greater advantage in vertical take off.

Secondly, there is no indication as yet to the thought of developing vertical landing so that even with vertical take offs a long runway is still necessary for landing purposes.

These two points thus amply show that firstly, it is unlikely that future commercial jetliners—of the piston and jet types at any rate—will be equipped for vertical take off, and secondly that even if they were, a long runway will be necessary for these landings.

S. J. LOWCOCK.

## GAOL FOR SAILOR

"To my recollection there have been three similar cases within the past month," commented Inspector W. E. B. Howell in asking for a prison sentence to be imposed upon 24-year-old Frederick Kelly, of HMS Crane, when the sailor appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on charges of stealing clothes and other articles from seafarers at the China Fleet Club.

Kelly, who had pleaded guilty to the charges four days ago, and who was remanded until today in order for him to make restitution, was sentenced to 12 weeks' hard labour. The Magistrate ordered that the complainants redeem the articles, without interest, from the shop where the defendant had pawned them.

The charges against Kelly were that between March 7 and 14 he stole from rooms in the China Fleet Club a blue sports blazer belonging to another seaman; a dark European style suit, a Naval Paybook and \$50 worth of property of W. S. Cunningham; and a brown European style suit and a Naval Paybook, the property of A. B. McKay.

## Magistrate's Suggestion

As a result of a case at Central Court this morning, Mr Thomas Tam urged that the Military Authorities should put someone at the Victoria Barracks gates in Queen's Road to direct traffic coming out of the Barracks.

The case that caused Mr Tam to make this remark, Wong Shiu-ah, of the 4th Bn. RAGO, was found guilty of driving without due care and attention and was fined \$100. Wong Shiu-ah was also ordered to be discharged.

It was the Prosecution's case that the defendant was driving out of the Barracks gates in Queen's Road, on February 5, his front left wheel crossed the curb and he drove into a private car.

The private car, which was proceeding along Queen's Road, was from west to east being driven by Mr. Kim-chung, and the private car was coming along the curb when it was struck by the defendant's car.

The police constable at the junction, Mr. Kim-chung, gave the signal for the private car to proceed, and the defendant's car was coming along the curb when it was struck by the defendant's car.

The case was heard by Mr. Justice C. W. Rees and a Jury of five men and a woman.

## 100 Years Ago

From the Files

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—A good deal has lately been said on the subject of the payment of Land-rents in Dollars, because they are mentioned in the leases as the equivalent of Sterling money, at which the land is valued. The matter admits of an easy explanation. At Captain Elliot's sale in June 1841, and at Sir Henry Pottinger's Land sale in January 1844, when the leases were first read, the bidders were made in Sterling money, but as there was none here at the time, the equivalent was taken in dollars at the market rate of exchange, as from time to time it might be fixed for the payment of official salaries. If a dollar was worth 5/6, the rent-payer was to pay 5/6 for every pound Sterling; if 4/2 he had to pay 4/80—at least this is the spirit of the agreement, and I think the latter too; and officials were paid in the same way.

However the recent decision in Court may affect Land-rents, it has nothing to do with Salaries, at least they are payable in Sterling money, without any reference to dollars. If the crown tenants are compelled to pay rents in dollars worth 5/6 at the rate of 4/2, it does not follow that an official is entitled to receive his pay at the latter rate; he has as much right to claim it in dollars, as he has to refuse it equivalent if tendered in Sterling money.

But I do not think the decision can be enforced. If it is, the 20 per cent added to our already much too high land-rents, ought, to go to public improvements. Let the dollars squeezed out of us be sold by auction for Sterling money, and the surplus carried to the public account.—Yours faithfully,

**TIT FOR TAT**

P.S. We have nothing to do with dollars imported by government. They too ought to be sold to the highest bidder, and their proceeds disbursed in English money, the profit on the transaction being carried to public account.

## GULLIBLE MANCHESTER

Dr Bowring's appointment has been received with satisfaction by the Manchester people, and by two at least of the English leading journals, the Metropolitan and provincial, the Times, and the Manchester Guardian, as will be seen by the articles we have extracted from these papers.

The same issue of the Guardian contains a full report of the address referred to, which, besides being far too long for our columns, is chiefly occupied with exposition of the learned Doctor's views regarding Doctrinal Currency, which, he states, received a fresh impetus from his experience in China; and his remarks on this as on other subjects connected with the country would not be thrown away upon his audience; for the Guardian, while it deprecates the ignorance about China that generally prevails, except Manchester, where it tells us the most accurate intelligence obtains. But for such positive assurance from a good authority, we might have been disposed to doubt the assertion; for there are instances not a few, both commercial and political, that would seem to prove Manchester to be as gullible as the rest of the country, and not always to have profited by expensive lessons.

## LESS CONFIDENT

The Times is evidently less confident about its knowledge; for in stating "the great object" of our intercourse with China, it uses the subjunctive mood at the turning point, thus—

"The great object is to throw China open to European enterprise for the common benefit of itself, and all; and this object is the more likely to be secured if the Chinese, who are by no means deficient in political discernment, observe in our countrymen a disposition to let their conduct, their own affairs, and again, in the concluding sentence, of the article, 'And again, we cannot but sympathize with the Chinese people, who are by no means deficient in political discernment, observe in our countrymen a disposition to let their conduct, their own affairs, and again, in the concluding sentence, of the article, 'And again, we cannot but sympathize with the Chinese people, who are by no means deficient in political discernment, observe in our countrymen a disposition to let their conduct, their own affairs, and again, in the concluding sentence, of the article, 'And again, we cannot but sympathize with the Chinese people, who are by no means deficient in political discernment, observe in 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